

Dear recipient,

The Building Information Foundation RTS will publish verified environmental product declarations (EPDs) for construction products. RTS EPDs are primarily made for corporate use. The declarations are Type III EPDs, meaning that they provide quantified environmental information about the life cycle of a product in order to enable comparison at the building level between products that perform the same function. In order for a company to be able to draw up an EPD itself or together with an expert, the company must acquire both the EN 15804 +A1 2014 standard and the protocol *"EPDs published by the Building Information Foundation RTS sr: General instructions for drawing up EPDs (RTS PCR)"*.

The verifier inspects the content of the declaration in relation to the applicable standards, the requirements set for the product group, the protocol and a declaration template. The Building Information Foundation is applying for membership of the ECOPlatform system. This means that verifiers must meet the ECOPlatform system's requirements for verifiers (see <http://www.eco-platform.org/>).

If you are interested in verifying EPDs, I would be grateful if you could send information about the company, operating method and personnel who would like to verify RTS EPDs.

### Qualifications required for verifiers

In compliance with the ISO 14025 standard, verifiers must be persons who are not involved in performing life cycle evaluations for the company's products or preparing EPDs. Verifiers must not have any conflicts of interest due to their position in the organisation.

Qualifications required for verifiers:

1. The verifier is highly familiar with the relevant sector, product, and environmental perspectives related to the product
2. The verifier is familiar with the processes and products in the product group
3. The verifier has strong expertise in life cycle evaluations and the methodology of life cycle evaluation work
4. The verifier has extensive and up-to-date knowledge of areas related to relevant environmental declaration compiling and life cycle assessment, as well as standards (including ISO 14025, EN ISO 14044, ISO 21930, and EN 15804+A1). The verifier must be highly familiar with the requirements and guidelines in EN 15804+A1.
5. The verifier must have knowledge of the legislative framework used to draft the requirements for type III EPDs
6. The verifier must have very detailed knowledge of the type III EPD programme (EN15804) and experience of compiling EPDs (at least three compiled EPDs)
7. The verifier must be highly familiar with the Building Information Foundation protocol *"EPDs published by the Building Information Foundation RTS sr: General instructions for drawing up EPDs (RTS PCR)"* and the related methods that are not stated in the EN15804+A1 standard.
8. The verifier shall create and update documented dialog between consultant/compiler calculating EPD information and verifier. The dialog shall include detailed information of the questions and answers between bodies and interpretations of the RTS PCR. When the dialog is completed both bodies shall accept it by a signature. The dialog shall be added to the application.
9. A CV is required including compliance with the above-mentioned topics

10. The competence of the verifier will be re-estimated after three years and after change of employer.  
If the requirements are not fulfilled, the verifier status can be cancelled by the PT18.

Kind regards,

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