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UL Testing of Large Drop Sprinklers Complete

Hastings, MI – As communicated in Viking’s press release on December 17, 2004, FM Approvals has suspended its approval of all manufacturers’ Large Drop fire sprinklers. In accordance with this action by FM Approvals, all manufacturers, including Viking, immediately ceased production of Large Drop sprinklers bearing FM’s mark of approval.

As a result of FM Approvals’ directive, Underwriters Laboratories recently conducted its own full-scale fire testing of Large Drop sprinklers. These tests successfully demonstrated that the performance of Viking’s Large Drop sprinklers (SIN# VK540) is consistent with current UL listing criteria for these products. As such, Viking will continue to manufacture and distribute UL-listed Large Drop fire sprinklers.

FM Approvals’ analysis of all manufacturers’ Large Drop sprinkler technology is ongoing. Additional approval information will be communicated after FM Approvals has completed its full analysis.

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