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SCS Announces Sustainability Certification for Furniture *Five Manufacturers Earn SCS Sustainable Choice™ Label*

Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) is pleased to announce that five manufacturers have earned certification under its new SCS Sustainable Choice label for furniture. The certification ensures that products earning the label have met the sustainability requirements of the new Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer’s Association Sustainability Standard (BIFMA SS). As a recognized independent third-party certifier of sustainability claims, SCS is proud to offer this enhanced multiple-attribute certification to the furniture industry.

A variety of products, including systems furniture, casegoods, tables, and seating produced by some of the industry’s leading manufacturers — **Allsteel, Gunlocke, The HON Company, Kimball Office, and National Office Furniture** — were certified under the Sustainable Choice program today, SCS announced. These products had previously earned certification under the stringent indoor air quality standards of the SCS Indoor Advantage program.

“Sustainable Choice certification marks the next level of achievement for companies that strive to make a real difference in their environmental performance,” said Stowe Hartridge-Beam, Program Manager at SCS, “We’re thrilled to work with such motivated clients and to be able to help them communicate their achievements.”

The BIFMA Sustainability Standard measures four elements of environmental performance: materials, energy and atmosphere, human and ecosystem health, and social responsibility. Products must meet prerequisites in each category and meet additional criteria to qualify for one of three certification tiers: Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

A complete list of certified products certified by SCS is available at www.scscertified.com/ecoproducts/products.

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About Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) — SCS is an independent certifier of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. Over two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. Its programs span a wide cross-section of the economy, recognizing accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing, and corporate social responsibility.