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**To: Companies with Products Listed in the Ministry of Transportation's
Designated Sources for Materials Manual**

Re: Product Listing in the Designated Sources For Materials Manual

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) continues to work with The Road Authority (TRA) to manage and administrate the ministry's Designated Sources for Materials (DSM) Manual and to showcase construction products through the Ontario Good Roads Association's (OGRA) world-wide web site.

This cooperative initiative is a positive change in the way MTO manages construction products and has benefits for all parties involved.

The Road Authority is an Internet-based information service developed by OGRA and provides the following advantages to product suppliers:

- A one-window procedure for submissions from suppliers for classification and acceptance of products for use in Ontario and products that may be listed in the ministry's DSM.
- A one-window procedure to showcase products that are no longer listed on the DSM but through TRA's Web site can be linked or referenced to relevant specifications and to the Ontario Infrastructure Business Codes.
- A one-window procedure for roads and public works owners and for contractors to access a single list of products that are accepted for use in Ontario.

Suppliers with products on the DSM are required to be currently registered and classified on TRA to remain listed in the DSM manual.

TRA manages the ministry's DSM listing and coordinates applications from suppliers for new or modified products. TRA also reviews incoming DSM applications to ensure that they are complete prior to forwarding to the OPS Products Management Committee (PMC). The PMC is a single province-wide committee that makes recommendations to MTO for modifications to the DSM. Ronen Publishing House Inc. continues to have the exclusive right to publish the DSM and can be contacted at 1-800-856-2196 or through its Web site at www.ronhouse.com.

A company **must** be registered with TRA to have its products listed on the DSM or a new product evaluated. The annual registration fee is \$275 (plus tax), which is payable to the OGRA to cover TRA administrative costs. Registration details are provided in a separate letter from the OGRA and further information can be accessed on their web site at www.roadauthority.com or by phone at 905-459-9200.

Please note: Companies need to be currently registered with TRA to remain on the DSM listing and to continue to have their products showcased on the TRA's Web site.

The ministry continues to review the DSM listings and will streamline sections of the DSM as new end-result specifications and standards evolve. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Joe Bucik, Manager, Highway Design Office, at 905-704-2284.

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