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## **JUNE 30, 2006: DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NEW PHOTOLUMINESCENT SAFETY EGRESS REGULATIONS**

### **RD Weis Companies Offers Expertise on Emergency Path-Finding Solutions**

*Port Chester, NY . . .* The New York City Department of Buildings recently issued its Reference Standard RS 6-1 and RS 6-1A in relation to photoluminescent exit path markings. By June 30, 2006, all Type E commercial hi-rise buildings of eight or more stories must comply with rigorous specifications concerning installation of photoluminescent markings to aid in evacuation in the event of failure of both the power and back-up power to lighting and illuminated exit signs, as per Local Law 26 of 2004, in order to maintain their Certificate of Occupancy.

Randall Weis, President of RD Weis Companies, a full-service flooring contractor specializing in safe and environmentally friendly flooring solutions for commercial use, scrutinized the new standards and then studied the market in order to evaluate which product line would satisfy, and even exceed, these standards. The outcome? **RD Weis now offers the most effective safety egress system, one that provides a fail-safe guidance system in all situations, under all circumstances.**

In announcing his company's introduction of this product line Randy remarked, "Several of my staff have joined me in thoroughly studying and analyzing these new reference standards. We can assist owners, facilities managers, safety directors, architects, builders and designers with the retrofit of existing buildings and with new

construction, where the standards are even more rigorous.”

Relying on RD Weis for an effective emergency path-finding system means that building occupants can be assured of safe egress if and when the primary power source is compromised; the back-up power sources are compromised; parts of the back-up system are compromised through failure or damage; or unforeseen circumstances keep people in the building unexpectedly.

The RD Weis product line consists of a newly developed phosphorescent pigment based on Strontium Oxide Aluminate chemistry. In contrast to the conventional phosphorescent pigments based on Zinc Sulfide, RD Weis’ products have an afterglow period of 10 times these conventional ones. In addition, their initial afterglow brightness is up to 10 times that of other photoluminescent pigments.

These qualities, coupled with the product’s durability, slip resistance, resilience to high foot traffic, ability to withstand outdoor weather conditions and moisture resistance, produce a solution that fully satisfies Reference Standard RS 6-1 and AC169. Every step, landing, corridor, ramp, change of direction and doorway can be highlighted and easily identified. **The result: acceleration of egress speed; minimization of the chance of panic; and assurance of getting occupants out of the building safely. The goal: to save lives!**

### ***RD Weis Companies***

Founded in 1990 by Randall W. Weis, RD Weis is an authorized MilliCare® Commercial Carpet Care franchisee serving the northeastern United States, a FreeAxez USA partner, and a Grout Armor™ of New England distributor. As a member of StarNet®, the largest commercial carpet channel in the U.S., RD Weis offers commercial clients and design professionals a broad range of floor covering products at the industry’s most competitive prices.

RD Weis’ services include grout restoration and preservation through Grout Armor™ of New England; flooring selection and installation, including Free Axez raised flooring; flooring solutions, including maintenance to the multi-location retail and

franchise retail markets nationwide through White Oak Industries; carpet care and maintenance using the MilliCare® Commercial Carpet Care system; project management on selection, installation and replacement; reconditioning and restyling of used carpet; a modular carpet removal and installation system that allows new carpet to be laid in occupied work settings; textile maintenance; entryway barrier matting systems; odor remediation solutions; and a variety of specialty cleaning products and services.

For more information on RD Weis Companies' installation of photoluminescent exit markings or any of its other flooring solutions, please visit [www.rdweis.com](http://www.rdweis.com), or contact Network Design and Communications; phone: 212/431-4675; fax: 212/431-5786; email: [Kat@networknyc.com](mailto:Kat@networknyc.com).

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