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KNIGHT WALL SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN NEWLY LAUNCHED RAINSCREEN ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA

Knight Brings to the Industry Group More than a Decade of Innovation, Engineering and Thought Leadership

Deer Park, WA – Jan. 26, 2021 – <u>Knight Wall Systems</u> today announced the company's membership in the <u>Rainscreen Association in North America</u> (RAiNA) as one of its founding [charter] members, according to company president Doug Knight.

Launched officially in late-2020, RAiNA is a multi-disciplinary, member-led organization created to help meet today's building design and construction challenges. It's the first such industry group dedicated specifically to the advancement of the building envelope and its membership roster includes numerous leaders in the architectural façade industry. Knight is one of RAiNA's founding members.

"Knight is a leader in rainscreen façade support systems and well known in the industry for products that help solve common rainscreen wall assembly issues, in particular, reducing thermal bridging and providing fully engineered, universal systems," said Knight general manager Brian Nelson, who is RAiNA Building Code Committee co-chair and a voting member on five different committees within the organization. "As a leader in the industry, we strongly felt it

was important to help form an association dedicated to rainscreen assemblies, and Knight is considered one of the official founding members of RAiNA."

Today, high performance building envelopes are required to provide a durable, energy efficient, safe, and comfortable environment for the occupants. As manufacturers continue to innovate with material performance, and building designs continue to evolve, applicable building knowledge is more important than it has ever been.

Six RAiNA committees comprising more than 200 members individuals spent more than 10,000 person-hours already in this past year to develop the technical information needed by the industry.

RAiNA's mission statement reads: "To work together with our membership, industry, and trade to be the recognized authority on rainscreen assemblies in North America."

Over the last two decades, the building science community has pushed exterior wall assembly performance to the front of the conversation regarding overall building performance. RAiNA has attracted many of the leading voices in the building science community. This type of coordination displays one of the organization's core goals of delivering science-based guidance to improve both commercial and residential building.

Knight Wall Systems Inc., headquartered in Deer Park, Washington, is an innovator in building envelope technology and a founding member of the Rainscreen Association in North America (RAiNA). A winner of BuildingGreen's "Top-10 Green Building Products" awards, and a two-time recipient of Architectural Record's Record Products designations, Knight's patented "drop-in" rainscreen attachment and thermal isolation technologies have set new standards for building façades throughout North America.