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Gregg Novick, President
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Dear Mr. Novick:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) regarding the Stormcrete™ modular porous concrete. MDE has evaluated the product's description and supporting information with respect to potential treatment applications in Maryland. We offer the following:

In Maryland, environmental site design (ESD) must be used to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) to reduce runoff and mimic natural hydrologic conditions. The use of ESD techniques and practices must be exhausted before structural practices may be used. Stormcrete™ is a proprietary type of permeable pavement. Permeable pavements that are designed in accordance with the criteria found in Chapter 5 and Appendix B.4 of the 2000 Maryland Stormwater Design Manual (Manual) may be used to meet the ESD mandate. MDE has no objection to this product's use provided that all pertinent design criteria listed in the Manual are met.

MDE has no objections to the Stormcrete™ modular porous concrete use as an alternative surface provided that the pertinent design criteria found in the Design Manual are met, and it is accepted locally. However, local jurisdictions may request a copy of a letter from MDE verifying product classification. Please consider this that letter. Thank you again for your interest. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 537-3554 or Mr. Stewart Comstock of my staff at (410) 537-3550 or by email at stewart.comstock@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Clevenger
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