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**DRYVIT EXECUTIVE TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESS ON STRATEGIES
TO IMPROVE BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN
HOMES AND COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES**

**Tony Stall invited by House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global
Warming to talk about Dryvit Outsulation® System benefits**

(West Warwick, RI) – Dryvit Systems, Inc., the West Warwick, Rhode Island-based manufacturer of highly energy efficient exterior cladding systems known as ‘Outsulation’, testified before the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming (www.globalwarming.house.gov) on the benefits of exterior insulation on homes and commercial structures.



Pictured (from left to right): Front row - San Francisco Mayor **Gavin Newsome**; ASHRAE President **Kent Peterson**; actor **Edward Norton**; Michelle Moore of the USGBC and **Tony Stall**, V.P Marketing Dryvit Systems, Inc. Back row – Congresswoman **Hilda Solis** (D-CA); Chairman **Edward Markey** (D-MA); Congressman **Jay Inslee** (D-WA); and Congressman **Emanuel Cleaver** (D-MO).

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Tony Stall, Vice President of Marketing for Dryvit Systems, Inc., was asked to appear before the committee by Representative John Sullivan (R-OK), whom he had met during Congressman Sullivan's visit to a Dryvit production facility located near Tulsa, Oklahoma in the summer of 2007. Mr. Stall was one of five witnesses asked to testify; and the only construction industry manufacturer's representative. Others who testified with Mr. Stall included Gavin Newsom, Mayor of San Francisco; Kent Peterson, President of ASHRAE; Michelle Moore, Senior Vice President of Policy and Market Development for the United States Green Building Council; and the actor Edward Norton, in his capacity as a board member and Trustee of the Enterprise Foundation, a green building-based low income housing initiative.

Mr. Stall described the independent government analyses of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the National Institute of Standards and Technology that found that Dryvit's Outsulation systems are 84 percent more energy efficient than other tested cladding systems while at the same time producing a significantly smaller carbon footprint over the tested 50 year lifecycle.

"Approximately 80% of buildings and virtually all those built prior to 1970 are more poorly insulated than required by current building Codes. That is a significant problem when you consider that the USGBC asserts that more than 40% of all energy used in the United States is used to heat, cool and operate buildings. Developing cost effective, energy efficient strategies for both new and existing buildings are of the highest national priority, and we can immediately and meaningfully reduce our dependence on foreign, non-renewable energy sources by raising standards for the energy efficiency of all types of buildings," Mr. Stall said in his testimony.

The House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming was formed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) in early 2007 to add urgency and resources to the commitment of this Congress to address the challenges of America's oil dependence and the threat of global warming. The Committee is chaired by Representative Edward Markey (D-MA). The ranking minority member is Representative F. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI).

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About Dryvit Systems, Inc.

Dryvit Systems, Inc. (www.dryvitisgreen.com, www.dryvit.com) is the nation's leading manufacturer of highly energy efficient exterior cladding systems that are more energy efficient and produce a smaller carbon footprint than other common claddings like brick, wood, vinyl and stucco, among others. A subsidiary of the more than \$3 billion industrial sealants and coatings brand holder RPM, Inc. of Medina, Ohio (NYSE:RPM), Dryvit is headquartered in West Warwick, Rhode Island and operates manufacturing facilities in Georgia, Oklahoma, California, Canada, Poland and China.