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IAPMO Evaluation Service certifies Helix Steel use in below and above grade walls is in accordance with IBC, IRC, ACI 318 and ACI 332

ANN ARBOR, Mich., July 11, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- IAPMO ES has updated the Helix Steel 5-25 Evaluation Report (ER-279) to specifically address both above and below grade walls built in accordance with the IBC, IRC, ACI 318 and ACI 332. The ISO/IEC 17065:2012 compliant ER-279 provides engineers, contractors, code officials and owners assurance of Helix Steel code compliance and design, installation and field quality assurance instruction.

UES Technical Director Brian Gerber, PE, SE, explains: "Helix Steel can reference its ER-279 on Helix 5-25 Micro-Rebar to ensure that code officials quickly have the information, from a trusted third-party source, necessary for their quick decision on approval."

In the past 15 years, Helix Steel has been used in over 10,000 structures, successfully replacing rebar in vertical applications including above and below grade, cast in place walls, tilt walls, insulated wall panels, stay in place cement board form walls and ICF walls. In addition to allowing for reduction or elimination of rebar, Helix Steel adds seismic, tornado, hurricane and impact and blast resistance. Success stories are broad and global, ranging from single-family home basements in Ohio, USA to high-rise buildings in Melbourne, Australia.

Luke Pinkerton, CTO of Helix Steel states, "Science has proven that Helix Steel changes concrete's state from brittle to one more ductile. This has enabled our customers to build more durable structures, while saving valuable schedule time and reducing carbon footprint." The ER-279 also provides International Accreditations in over 90 countries. "The updated ER-279 further validates our technology and its' use worldwide." For more details on our projects, click the link below:

<http://www.helixsteel.com/#!/commercial/v632k>

About IAPMO (www.iapmoes.org)

Uniform ES offers manufacturers and building officials another, we believe better, option as an evaluator of building products. Since 1926, IAPMO has been a leader in codes and standards development and its' Uniform Evaluation Services is built upon an 88-year-old foundation of experience, expertise and quality.

About Helix Steel (www.helixsteel.com)

Helix Steel is the manufacturer of Twisted Steel Micro Rebar ("TSMR"), the leading proactive concrete reinforcement technology in the world. Helix Steel is leveraged across a variety of markets including Commercial, Industrial, Precast, Residential, Underground and Infrastructure and in applications ranging from structural, temperature and shrinkage, seismic and impact and blast resistance.