



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**USGBC UPGRADES BENTLEY'S MANUFACTURING FACILITY
LEED®-EBOM CERTIFICATION TO GOLD**

Remains the Only Carpet Mill to Receive LEED® Certification

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (June 10, 2013) – Bentley, a leading commercial carpet manufacturer, recently achieved gold certification for its facility from the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance (LEED-EBOM). In 2007, Bentley was the first carpet manufacturing facility in the country to receive a silver rating from the USGBC's LEED-EBOM, and remains the only carpet manufacturing facility to receive LEED certification.

According to company officials, achieving the gold certification was a goal shared by all associates who actively took part in continuous sustainability education, energy conservation, waste reduction, community service, and alternative transportation.

"I am extremely proud of our associates, whose commitment and passion led to this accomplishment," said Ralph Grogan, president and CEO of Bentley. "Earning LEED status is a monumental task in any industry, and receiving gold for our manufacturing facility, which is more than 45 years old, demonstrates that it can be done. We hope that more manufacturers will join in our commitment to environmental responsibility."

The LEED Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings. Maximizing operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts, the LEED-EBOM certification considers water efficiency, energy efficiency, whole-building cleaning, and maintenance, indoor air quality, recycling programs, and facilities, exterior maintenance programs, and system upgrades to meet green building energy, water, IAQ, and lighting performance standards.

"Our facility was built in 1967 and it required a great deal of dedication and investment to transform its operations toward more sustainable practices," said Holly DeBrodt, Bentley's director of sustainability. "We know that you can't make a green product in a brown plant; therefore, our commitment to environmental manufacturing processes is of utmost importance to our overall sustainability path. LEED certification demonstrates this commitment and I am exceedingly proud of our team for achieving this goal."

About Bentley

Defining style, color, quality, and service for over 30 years, Bentley Mills, Inc. manufactures and markets award-winning broadloom, carpet tile, and area rug products for all commercial interiors across the globe. Bentley is recognized for leadership in product design, style, and customer service. Bentley is committed to sustainable commerce, and,

BENTLEY™

as the largest commercial carpet manufacturer in California, the company operates in a LEED-EB® Gold carpet mill. For more information, contact Bentley at 800.423.4709 or visit us at bentleymills.com.