

## FW: HBN - BrockFill Statements

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Chris Huntress - BrockFILL & HBN Memo.pdf;

Alex & Ewell, attached you will find a written response from Thomas Murphy, Ph.D. with Brock USA regarding the questions raised by HBN regarding their Brockfill infill product.

Please include this documentation in your files along with the HBN letter/memo. Please let me know should you have any further questions.

Thanks

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**To:** Chris Huntress <chris@huntressassociates.com>

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**Subject:** RE: HBN - BrockFill Statements

Chris,

Please see the attached letter and let me know if this meets your needs. I addressed it to you, but let me know if it should be addressed differently.

Thanks!  
Tom

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Tom & Eric, can you please review the attached memo identifying concerns related to the anti-microbial coatings as stated by HBN.  
Any information you could provide regarding this claim would be helpful. Thanks

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**November 19, 2020**

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**Subject:** Questions and Concerns About Potential Chemical Hazards in BrockFILL

Mr. Huntress:

In a memo from Teresa McGrath of the Healthy Building Network, addressed to Adam Turner (Executive Director, Martha's Vineyard Commission) and Ewell Hopkins (Chairperson, Oak Bluffs Planning Board), concerns were raised about potential chemical hazards in BrockFILL. The specific class of compounds mentioned in the letter, quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs), are not currently used in BrockFILL and have never been used at any point in the past. Additionally, there are no existing plans to add QACs to the product in the future. To produce BrockFILL, whole pine logs are chipped, the chips are then dried, and the dry chips are then further processed and separated by mechanical means to get the finished product (i.e., BrockFILL). Currently, no other compounds or substances are intentionally added to the product before, during, or after the manufacturing process. The claims and invention description contained in Brock USA's infill patent application (referenced in the HBN memo as US20190203425A1), describe a range of possible embodiments, as most patents do, but each individual claim or example does not necessarily reflect what is actually practiced. Brock USA can state unequivocally that no QACs or other additives are currently used in the production of BrockFILL.

Please contact Brock if there are any other questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Murphy".

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