GAF ANNOUNCES 60% REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS AT WEST DALLAS MANUFACTURING PLANT

Emission Reductions Come as the Company Executes Plans to Leave West Dallas and Rezone Property in Response to Community Concerns

DALLAS (October 20, 2022) -- GAF today announced the results of a stack test conducted at its West Dallas facility from September 20 to 22, which confirmed the company has significantly reduced emissions of sulfur dioxide at the plant by more than 60%. The stack test was conducted by a third-party in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) protocols, as required by the permit it recently granted to GAF.

As a result of the significant actions taken by GAF to reduce its emissions, as confirmed by the stack test, GAF recently received a new permit from the TCEQ, replacing its Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Title V permit. The GAF West Dallas facility is now considered a minor emissions source for all emissions, including sulfur dioxide and particulate matter, as outlined in the new state permit (as opposed to being considered a “major source” of air pollution which required EPA oversight). These reduced permitted emissions are monitored, reported and enforceable by the TCEQ under the new permit.

“We’ve heard the community’s concerns about the West Dallas facility, and although we have operated at federally acceptable levels for decades, we remain focused on continuous improvement to further reduce emissions,” said Randy Bargfrede, Chief Operations Officer at GAF. “We’ve taken a number of steps, including implementing throughput reductions and process improvements, to achieve a significant reduction in emissions at our facility.”

In July, GAF announced its intentions to voluntarily cease operations of their West Dallas plant, and leave by 2029. This plan takes into consideration the concerns of the community, GAF’s employees and the regional demand for the essential products the plant manufactures.

In September, GAF filed a zoning application with the City of Dallas proposing to rezone the 2600 Singleton property from Industrial Research (IR) to a Planned Development (PD) to ensure that there is no future industrial use of the Singleton property. As part of the zoning permit process, GAF plans to work closely with the community to engage in conversations about the future use of the property through a series of six meetings to establish the 2600 Singleton Vision Plan. The meetings will cover different topics, including information sessions on emissions and zoning. The first community meeting is scheduled for November 9th, where the community will be provided an outline of the 2600 Singleton Vision Plan development process.

Additional information about the zoning process and the 2600 Singleton Avenue Vision Plan community meeting dates can be found at: ZONING CHANGE: 2600 Singleton Ave, Dallas, Texas.
For more than 80 years, GAF has been an important part of the growth and evolution of West Dallas. GAF believes these actions to voluntarily wind down operations and rezone the property to meet the future needs of the community are another clear demonstration of its commitment to work with the city and the community in West Dallas.

GAF’s West Dallas facility employs more than 150 individuals and produces roofing material to protect the homes of millions of families in North Texas and across the country.

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