



## LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

### What is LEED?

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (**LEED**) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings developed by United States Green Building Council (**USGBC**). **LEED** gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings' performance. **LEED** promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, material selection, and indoor environmental quality.

### Is Qu-Cork a LEED Certified Product?

**USGBC** does not certify, promote, or endorse products or services of individual companies, products, and services. Therefore, there are no **LEED** Certified Products.

### How does Qu-Cork Flooring Panels Contribute LEED Credits?

Individual products can contribute building project credits based on prerequisites and performance benchmarks by category. Projects are awarded Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum certification depending on the number of credits they achieve

### What Credits do Qu-Cork Flooring Panels Contribute?

#### Materials and Resources – MR

**MR 4.1 = 1 Credit:** Recycled Content = 10% (post-consumer and one-half pre-consumer)

**MR 4.2 = 1 Credit:** Recycled Content = 20% (post-consumer and one-half pre-consumer)

**MR 6 = 1 Credit:** Use Rapidly Renewable Resource = Typical harvest of less than 10 Years

#### Indoor Air Quality – EQ

**EQ 4.4 = 1 Credit:** Low-Emitting Materials, Wood or agrifiber products (Note: Please specify whether the Qu-Cork Product that you are planning to use is for a LEED Project. This will enable Qu-Cork to supply the appropriate flooring panel and/or underlayment).

#### Innovation Design Process – ID

**ID Process = 1-4 Credits:** Additional Points for exceptional performance above **LEED** Requires. The natural characteristics of cork reduce sound and noise transmission, insulation qualities improve the effectiveness of heating and cooling, and reduce vibrations of mechanical equipment. Some or all these characteristics may qualify for innovation credits.

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