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AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL JOINS INTERNATIONAL WELL BUILDING INSTITUTE AS KEYSTONE MEMBER
Joints More Than 110 Members to Collaborate and Advance Health & Wellness in Buildings

ATLANTA (November 19, 2019) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today announced its participation in the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) membership program. IWBI, which aims to improve health and wellness through better buildings and stronger organizations, delivers the WELL Building Standard, a certification program that assesses building performance in key concept areas impacting health, such as air and water quality, nutrition, materials, and sound, among others.

As a keystone member, ACC will join over 110 other IWBI member organizations working to support and spur advancements in health and wellness in the built environment. Illustrating the impacts that these organizations can make together, ACC and IWBI also co-sponsored the Global Health & Wellness Summit, held today at the U.S. Green Building Council’s 2019 Greenbuild conference in Atlanta. The summit addressed a range of topics related to health and wellness in the built environment, including the role of the USGBC’s LEED v4.1 green building certification and the WELL Building Standard.

A summit luncheon, titled “Partnership is the New Leadership,” included ACC President & CEO Chris Jahn, along with USGBC President & CEO Mahesh Ramanujam and Dr. Nancy Post, an organizational behavior advisor, who discussed steps and strategies organizations can undertake to enhance collaboration to meet shared sustainability goals. The luncheon panel, moderated by IWBI President Rachel Gutter, focused on what it takes to align diverse interests in common pursuit of better buildings and increased health and wellness of building occupants.

“We are pleased to join the International WELL Building Institute as we work together to promote policies and programs that help advance health and wellness in the built environment,” Jahn said. “For ACC members, product safety and sustainability are a core value, and we are working to make innovative products and materials that help advance these principles in the building sector. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with IWBI.”

“The American Chemistry Council provides significant leadership to the global community, building on its Responsible Care program and continuing through its engagement with organizations like ours,” said IWBI CEO and Chairman Rick Fedrizzi. “We are excited to have ACC’s energy and leadership be a part of this shared journey to improve our buildings and communities in ways that help people thrive.”

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The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®; common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues; and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a $553 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is among the largest exporters in the nation, accounting for ten percent of all U.S. goods exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

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