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New update available for Passive House Planning Package PHPP

3D tool designPH available at introductory price through 10 April 2014

Darmstadt, Germany. An update for the globally established tool for planning energy-efficient buildings is now available: PHPP 8.5. Among the new features included with this update is the capability of working with up to 500 entry fields for areas and windows – especially useful for larger projects. An updated list of Certified Passive House Components has also been included. Perhaps most importantly, this update ensures Passive House Planning Package compatibility with the new 3D tool designPH, available at a greatly reduced introductory price through 10 April 2014.

The 3D model interface of the designPH tool facilitates work with the PHPP; initial building designs can easily, quickly and accurately be checked for Passive House compatibility. Through 10 April 2014, the new design tool can be purchased for the introductory price of just €220 instead of the regular price of €300. Members of the International Passive House Association and its affiliates receive discounts, paying only €160 instead of €220. Greatly reduced introductory prices also apply when the PHPP 8.5 and the designPH tool are purchased in combination as a package.

Users with registered licenses for the PHPP 8 will receive the PHPP 8.5 update automatically via email, free of charge. An upgrade will be available for registered users of the PHPP 7 (2012), subject to a fee. The corresponding upgrades for older versions of the PHPP will only be available until 10 April 2014. An overview of the discount and upgrade options possible can be found online at www.passivehouse.com.

Developed by the Passive House Institute, the PHPP is a reliable basis for planning the energy concepts of efficient buildings. With its detailed user manual, the Excel-based calculation tool can not only be used for building design but also as a means of verifying compliance with the Passive House Standard. Thanks to regular upgrades and enhanced features, the PHPP keeps abreast of the latest developments in the field of energy efficient construction. Since 2013, the unique requirements for the construction of Passive Houses in the various climatic regions of the globe have also been included in its algorithms.