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TWO COALITIONS, ONE CONCRETE CRISIS
Canadian pyrrhotite coalition partners with CCACB at upcoming event

WILLINGTON, Conn. – On Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, the Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements (CCACB) will partner with its counterpart from Canada, Coalition d’Aide aux Victimes de la Pyrrhotite (CAVP). CAVP representatives who will attend the meeting include Chair Alain Gélinas, Vice President and Co-Founder Michel Lemay, and Coordinator Steeve Guy.

The CCACB contacted the CAVP last August, and following discussions, CAVP proposed a meeting to share their experience with the pyrrhotite issue in the Mauricie region. “We were thrilled that they reached out to us,” said CCACB President Tim Heim. “We were even more excited when they suggested an in-person meeting. The October 1 event just grew from there.”

With nearly seven years of experience, CAVP plans to share best practices and encourage the collaboration of two countries facing the same issue. The event will include a presentation on the work of CAVP. A Q&A session will follow, moderated by George Colli. The event will be held at Ellington High School at 37 Maple St. in Ellington, Conn., beginning at 10 a.m.

CAVP is a community organization founded in 2009 in response to a pyrrhotite disaster affecting the Mauricie region of Quebec, mainly concentrated in the City of Trois-Rivières. The organization represents and supports victims of pyrrhotite in Mauricie, working to secure financial assistance programs, encouraging construction standards and quality control, and raising awareness about the issue. Currently, close to 4,000 homes in Mauricie are affected. To learn more, please visit www.cavp.info.

CCACB is a grassroots alliance of homeowners affected by pyrrhotite in Connecticut. The organization was founded in February 2016. While the scope of Connecticut’s crisis is still unknown, a recent report by the Capitol Region Council of Governments estimates more than 19,000 homes in 24 northeastern Connecticut towns could be affected. To learn more, please visit www.ccacb.org.

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