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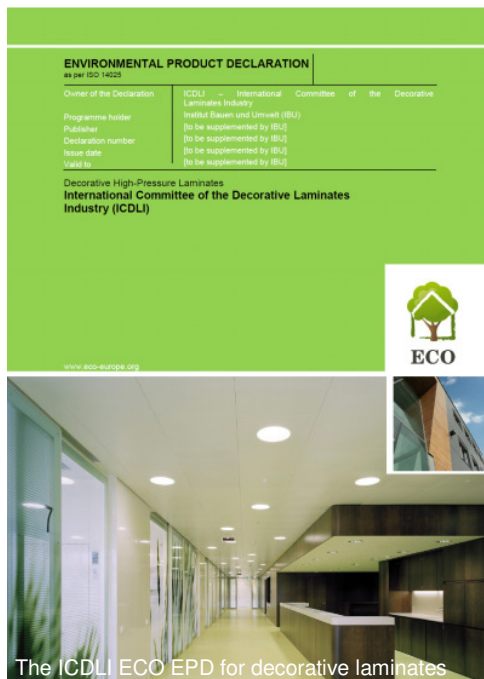
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## Technical Commission

### Technical Commission in Istanbul

In June the most recent meeting of the Technical Commission took place in Istanbul/Turkey. The member company Gentas had invited the Commission to visit the Gentas melamine production and to hold its meeting in Istanbul.



The Technical Commission in Istanbul

During the meeting not only the EPD was approved. Inter alia the topics melamine and formaldehyde were discussed as well. It was highlighted that the political discussion concerning these two substances must be observed carefully. At the moment it is being discussed to reevaluate formaldehyde from level 2a to the level of a carcinogenic substance (level 1).

The next meeting of the Technical Commission will take place on November 20 / 21, 2012 at the ICDLI office in Frankfurt/Main.

## Economic Commission

### Meeting in Frankfurt

Under the direction of ICDLI-president Carlos Cruz the Economic Commission met on May 09, 2012 at the airport Frankfurt. The chief aim of the annual meeting is to compare notes on the European laminates market. This year eight member

companies came to Frankfurt to discuss their opinions and expectations on the laminates market. The next meeting will take place in May 2013.

## World Wide Web

### ICDLI goes Wikipedia

Since July the ICDLI has got its own entry on wikipedia.org. Visit us at:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Committee\\_of\\_the\\_Decorative\\_Laminates\\_Industry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Committee_of_the_Decorative_Laminates_Industry)

## Calendar 2012

### August 28, 2012

Presidents Committee, Frankfurt/Germany

### October 10, 2012

Presidents Committee, Vienna/Austria

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### May 13 to 15, 2013

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