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Nature's Legacy first PH company to be Cradle to Cradle Certified™ at Gold and Platinum levels | Philippine Information Agency [Mandaue City, Philippines, September 16, 2020] Nature's Legacy, the leading sustainable design and

manufacturing company in the Philippines, has been Cradle to Cradle (C2C) CertifiedTM for its material innovation, Naturescast[®]. The company is first in the Philippines to receive the certification, which came nine months after it registered as a B Corporation® (B Corp) last December 2019.

Designers and manufacturers subscribe to the C2C Certified[™] **Products Program** to create highquality pieces that consider the entire product life phase (production, use, and after-use). To be eligible for a certification, Naturescast® needs to be assessed across five critical categories: (1) Material Health, (2) Material Reutilization, (3) Renewable Energy and Carbon Management, (4) Water Stewardship, and (5) Social Fairness. Material Health as the strategic



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MATURESCAST meets the highest standards in material health, material reutilization, energy efficiency, water stewardship, and social fairness.



focus of C2C, ensuring that certified products are made using chemicals that are as safe as possible to humans and the environment. This is done through a process of inventorying, assessing, and optimizing material chemistries.

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The science-based C2C CertifiedTM Products Program enables and promotes continuous product optimization. Every product is assigned with a corresponding level of achievement (Basic, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum) depending on the scale of compliance in each category. While Naturescast[®] scored Gold in the other categories, it has achieved Platinum level for Material Health.

Christina Krebs of the Environmental Protection Encouragement Agency (EPEAGmbH – Part of Drees & Sommer), an Accredited Assessment Body based in Germany, verified the product and the business processes of Nature's Legacy during her site visit to the company's manufacturing plant in Compostela, Cebu last December 2019, and was impressed by the commitment towards sustainability.

"Achieving the Platinum level for Material Health makes Naturescast® the first product in the Asian market and in the decor category globally to accomplish this objective," Krebs informed Nature's Legacy.

Apart from the recognition given by C2C, Naturescast® has also won the Gold Invention Award from Geneva, Switzerland in 2014. Each piece is handmade by Filipino artisans using agro-forest natural by-products and organic binders. The proprietary material is biodegradable, compostable, and recyclable. Nature's Legacy saves 80% of the materials used in Naturescast® with most of the debris foraged within the factory's backyard.

The C2C and B Corp certifications are testaments to the commitment of Nature's Legacy to produce high quality designs and pieces while reducing negative environmental impacts and promoting fair trade manufacturing practices. They validate the company's aim of reaching the triple bottom-line of financial sustainability, environmental conservation, and social equity promotion towards contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

To know more about Nature's Legacy, go to www.natureslegacy.com. For more information about the Cradle to Cradle CertifiedTM Products Program, visit <u>www.c2ccertified.org/orwww.epea.com</u>. (PR)

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