



## **thyssenkrupp helping Kendeda Building at Georgia Tech University meet Living Building Challenge requirements**

- Material selection, LED lighting and regenerative drive part of environmentally friendly elevator system
- Kendeda Building is set to become the first major Living Building Challenge 3.0 certified education and research facility in the Southeast

ATLANTA (November 19, 2018) – thyssenkrupp is proud to announce its energy efficient building transportation products will play a key role in helping Georgia Tech’s Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design meet the International Living Future Institute’s Living Building Challenge (LBC) certification. The 37,000-square-foot, two-story academic building is poised to become the first LBC certified facility in Georgia as well as the first LBC certified education and research facility in the Southeast.

In September 2015, Georgia Tech and Kendeda announced plans to design and construct the first building in Georgia certified under the world’s most rigorous green-building certification standard. The entire project is funded by Kendeda through its largest grant ever – \$25 million for design and construction and \$5 million for support activities.

The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design is expected to be completed in May 2019 with LBC certification targeted by June 2020.

“thyssenkrupp takes tremendous pride in our company-wide sustainability efforts and pushing green buildings to be the most environmentally friendly they can be,” said Rich Hussey, president and CEO of thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas. “The Kendeda Building will be a landmark structure, one that other new buildings in the Southeast should seek to emulate as we all work toward a healthier future.”

thyssenkrupp has firmly distinguished itself in the world of [elevator sustainability](#) by becoming the first elevator company to retrofit existing elevators to achieve [net-zero energy](#). thyssenkrupp Elevator was also the first elevator company to value transparency, publishing an Environmental Product Declaration as well as meeting or exceeding the most stringent industry standards, including Cradle to Cradle, the Living Building Challenge, and LEED. thyssenkrupp Elevator is also the first and only elevator company with Declare labels as well as Bronze and Platinum Cradle to Cradle Material Health Certificates.

On top of that, thyssenkrupp Elevator also discloses ingredients in its cabs and entrances down to 1,000 ppm per its Health Product Declaration, all manufactured in a LEED Gold certified facility.

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Last year, thyssenkrupp Elevator was recognized by BuildingGreen as a [Top Product for 2018](#) for its net-zero energy elevator, material transparency and LEED v4 efforts that exceed all other building transportation companies.

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In North America, thyssenkrupp oversees nearly 400 facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico, employing more than 22,500 people. In fiscal year 2016/2017, thyssenkrupp generated sales of almost €9 billion (\$9.6 billion) in the region.

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