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Stonhard Products and Ideas

STONHARD'S RECYCLED GLASS FLOORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT OF TV MEDICAL EXAMINER'S NEW OFFICE

In October, Stonhard installed floors at the new 40,000 sq. ft. District 9 Medical Examiner's Office in Orlando, FL, which is the backdrop for the hit Discovery Health network show, *Dr. G., Medical Examiner*. The show follows Dr. Jan C. Garavaglia, Chief Medical Examiner, as she and her team perform autopsies to investigate causes of death.

Planners for the new building sought floors that could withstand the harsh conditions in this type of facility – bodily fluids, chemicals, temperature extremes and heavy cart traffic – yet still be easy to clean. Epoxy and tile floors in the former office presented cleaning challenges for the staff at District 9. "We wanted a seamless, easy to clean surface without grout lines, which are very difficult to keep clean in this type of setting," said Steven Hanson, Chief Investigator/Forensic Services Manager at District 9.



Also important to the design team and District 9 staff was the "green" aspect of the product, as the new facility aimed for LEED Silver certification. 90% of Stonhard's product development includes rapidly renewable and agro-based materials. The company's innovative packaging eliminates industrial waste and the fundamental nature of a seamless floor that bonds to the surface means that it is sustainable, becoming a part of the structure.

Stonhard was specified for nearly 11,000 square feet of space in the new facility. In the morgue and autopsy suites, Stonhard installed Stonblend GSI-G, an epoxy mortar system that uses a 12% recycled glass aggregate, which contributes to the striking, terrazzo-like appearance and creates a durable, chemical and wear resistant, easy to maintain surface.

In coolers and decomp areas, Stonhard used Stontec TRF, a mortar-based urethane system that incorporates decorative flakes for a smooth, temperature and stain resistant, sanitary floor.

Once the new facility began full operation, Stonhard floors were put to the test. Everyone at District 9 is extremely happy with the results. "We had a few minor challenges with the facility that were quickly resolved by the Stonhard manager on the project," said Steven. This is testimony to Stonhard's ongoing commitment to customer satisfaction, which includes a single source warranty on both products and installation.

RPM Booth Demands Attention and Earns Award at Greenbuild

At November's Greenbuild Expo in Phoenix, AZ, Stonhard, an RPM Company, joined other RPM companies in a booth that was carefully crafted to catch the attention of visitors while remaining gentle on the environment. In fact, the booth was so environmentally friendly, that Greenbuild recognized RPM with a Green Exhibitor Performance Award. RPM's booth incorporated recycled carpet, energy efficient LED lighting, bamboo and bio-friendly constructed furniture and recycled polyester banners to create an engaging, sustainable presence at Greenbuild.



Stonclad GR Recognized with "Top Products Award"

Stonhard's Stonclad GR floor system has been recognized with the "Top Products Award" in the January 2010 issue of Building Operating Management magazine.



The award honors the most popular manufacturers and suppliers of the year, as determined by page views on BOM's affiliate website, FacilitiesNet. Awards are given to those products and companies that received the top ten percent of page views.

The Stonclad GR floor system incorporates recycled glass and rapidly renewable, soy-based additives for a long-lasting, seamless, easy to maintain, resistant floor suitable for application in various settings, including healthcare, manufacturing, food and beverage, educational and public spaces. Because it incorporates both recycled and rapidly renewable materials, Stonclad GR can help projects accumulate points as they pursue LEED certification.

Our floors and wall systems are designed with the planner in mind, offering infinite design possibilities and the ability to customize and optimize colors, patterns and finishes. Stonhard's floors are also performance proven. For 85 plus years, our products have stood up to chemical attack, abrasion, impact, wet conditions and thermal shock. And another very important issue to planners is maintenance. Stonhard floors are seamless and easy to clean, even in the most rigorous environments.

Have questions about our products, designs, colors, technical information? Please contact your Stonhard **Architectural Consultant** or call us at 800.257.7953.



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