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Sustainability and Its Place in the Natural Stone Industry

TEMPE, Arizona (November 4, 2008) – The natural stone industry has a strong presence in the green building industry and is included in the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) rating system. Natural stone is known in the green era as being a natural choice in building in today's green world. Since stone is natural, it is a form of beauty from the earth. Arizona Tile recognizes the current activities of green building and its importance for a better way of life and a more livable environment.

Natural stone is non-toxic and carries a long life cycle which prevents frequent replacements and reduces waste. When replaced, the waste consists of low volume, environmentally-stable material thus reducing environmental impact. When stone is quarried and fabricated, there are no unsafe chemicals used. Natural stone is part of earth and bears no man-made substances that are harmful to the environment or the health of people.

Natural stone carries a long lifecycle, extreme durability, easy maintenance and can be quarried and fabricated in an environmentally safe way. Natural stone is also easy to clean and does not harbor allergens and other irritants often found in synthetic man-made materials. The products of Arizona Tile contain no mercury or asbestos and water recycling is utilized to the fullest extent possible.

Natural stone is recognized as being a premium building choice. All natural stone is unique in style, color, pattern and texture. It is aesthetically appealing due to its pure nature. Its strength and durability are apparent, which adds to the value of any stone.

Arizona Tile offers over 230 varieties of natural stone slabs consisting of granite, marble, limestone, travertine and onyx. For information on more products and a look at the complete collection, visit www.arizonatile.com.

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