



Abet Laminati, the Englewood, NJ-based manufacturer of high-pressure laminate, has opened an office and warehouse facility in Richmond, CA. The 17,000-sq.-ft. location includes 4,000 sq. ft. of office and showroom space, in addition to a warehouse, according to corporate officials. Abet Laminati has additional offices and warehouses in Englewood, NJ and Toronto.

## Hanwha Initiative Aimed At Charity, Recycling

**Atlanta** — Hanwha L&C USA, the Atlanta-based surface manufacturer, has launched a product recycling initiative, a donation program developed to repurpose showcased products for use by area charities.

The inaugural product donation of the company's newly introduced

HanStone, Hanex and new Miraton products are being donated to the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity ReStore, aimed at benefiting area working families.

The products, according to Hanwha officials, will be resold to the public, with proceeds benefiting the mission of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. Donated items, valued at over \$8,000, include 2,400 sq.

ft. of Miraton tile flooring; a 100% Acrylic Solid Surface Hanex vanity, and HanStone Ruscello quartz slabs.

"We're proud to be developing a program that benefits the lives of local families and may assist many more, especially during these difficult economic times," said Dr. Daniel Yu, president of Hanwha L&C North America.

The ReStore sells new and used appliances, home furnishings and improvement items at up to 75% off retail prices. Proceeds benefit Atlanta Habitat for Humanity's mission — building affordable, green, quality homes for working families.

## Stone Fabricator Achieves Accreditation From MIA

**Austin, TX** — Rocksolid Stone Works, a Cleveland, OH-based natural stone fabricator, has earned the designation of Marble Institute of America (MIA) Accredited Natural Stone Fabricator.

Achievement of the certification was announced by the Artisan Group, of which Rocksolid Stone Works is a member.

Currently, only 25 natural stone fabricators in the country have achieved accreditation from the

Cleveland, OH-based MIA. Eight of those fabricators are Artisan Group members, according to the association.

They include Blume's Solid Surface Products, of Freeport, PA; Creative Countertops, of Las Vegas, NV; Innovative Surfaces, of Hastings, MN; NBC Solid Surfaces, of Springfield, VT; Rocky Mountain Stone, of Albuquerque, NM; Solid Tops, of Easton, MD; Surface Products, of Cornelius, NC, and Rocksolid, a division of Wood Dimensions.

"This accreditation is a symbol of the dedication and professionalism of our staff," said Thomas Rocks, president of Rocksolid Stone Works.

"This is a fine achievement and we are particularly proud to be the first stone fabrication shop in Ohio to receive this prestigious designation," he added.

To become an MIA Accredited Natural Stone Fabricator, a company must have successfully completed three phases of application, including a comprehensive exam and site visit, which includes a facility review, document review and one or more installation site visits.

All Artisan Group members have achieved or have begun the process to achieve full accreditation with the MIA, according to the Texas-based association.