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Artisan Group member joins an elite group of 25 in the stone industry to be Accredited by Marble Institute of America (MIA)

Rocksolid Stone Works in Cleveland Becomes Ohio's First Stone Fabrication Shop to be Accredited Through the (MIA)

AUSTIN- (July 2009) — Rocksolid Stone Works, an Artisan Group member, has earned the coveted designation of Marble Institute of America (MIA) Accredited Natural Stone Fabricator. Accredited Natural Stone Fabricators represent the best companies that work on residential projects such as kitchens and bathrooms.

Currently, only 25 Natural Stone Fabricators in the country have achieved accreditation, 8 of which are Artisan Group members: Blume's Solid Surface Products (Freeport, PA), Creative Countertops (Las Vegas, NV), Innovative Surfaces (Hastings, MN), NBC Solid Surfaces (Springfield, VT), Rocky Mountain Stone (Albuquerque, NM), Solid Tops (Easton, MD), Surface Products (Cornelius, NC) and Rocksolid (Cleveland, OH).

Rocksolid Stone Works is the first in Ohio and specializes in creating superior natural stone surfaces that are a reflection of living style and functionality. The company has been on the forefront of natural stone fabrication and produces quality products that interact with woodwork, flooring, and lighting. The company designs, custom fabricates, and installs stone applications for residential and commercial clients.

"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 the state to receive this prestigious designation."

To become an Accredited Natural Stone Fabricator by the MIA, a company must have successfully completed three phases of application. Phase one was the completion of a lengthy application that required the applicant company to provide various documents and references which ensure that the company is in compliance with the 10 standards of accreditation as laid out by the MIA Accreditation Commission. Phase two required the company's qualifying agent (the designated company representative responsible for filing and maintaining accreditation records for the applicant company) to pass a 200 question multiple-choice test. The exam tested the applicant's knowledge and application of material usage, installation, fabrication, restoration, care and maintenance, administration, legal/contracts, and jobsite and shop safety. The third phase was a comprehensive site visit, which included a facility review, document review, and one or more installation site visits.

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Garen Distelhorst, the Accreditation Manager at the MIA said, “Rocksolid Stone Works is now able to proudly display the accreditation logo, which symbolizes that they are among the finest in the natural stone industry with respect to craftsmanship, safety, and business practices.”

Artisan Group™

Artisan Group is the premier network of stone fabricators in North America. All Artisan Group members have achieved, or have begun the process to achieve full accreditation with the Marble Institute of America. The group is among the first granite fabricators in the world to be working towards this distinction.

The Artisan Group’s extensive network allows the organization to offer the world’s best granite from the best sources around the globe. Utilizing the most technically advanced, automated shops in the industry, highly skilled craftsmen ensure that each and every installation meets exacting standards. From classic to exotic, it offers the most extensive array of color choices in the industry, and with short lead times and competitive pricing, Artisan Group granite countertops are closer than one might expect. For more information, visit www.artisan-collection.com.

Rocksolid Stone Works is a division of Wood Dimensions Inc. and is located at 4031 West 150th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44135. For more information please call 216-251-5509 or visit the company website at www.WoodDimensionsInc.com

About the MIA

For over 60 years the Marble Institute of America has been the worlds leading information resource and advocate for the natural dimension stone industry. MIA members include marble, granite, limestone, sandstone, and other natural stone producers and quarriers, fabricators, installers, distributors, and contractors around the world. The purpose of the MIA’s accreditation program is to provide excellence in the natural stone industry and recognize companies demonstrating compliance with quality standards, so that the public values, has access to, and benefits from consistent, competent, and safe fabrication, installation and maintenance of natural stone.

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