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### **DuPont Surfaces' Products Receive GREENGUARD Certification**

*Low-Emitting Materials Help Building Professionals Support Good Indoor Air Quality*

WILMINGTON, Del., November 15, 2006 – The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) has designated DuPont™ Corian® solid surfaces, DuPont™ Zodiaq® quartz surfaces, as well as the sealants and adhesives from DuPont Surfaces, as GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®. This portfolio of products from DuPont provides architects, designers and building professionals with a complete surfacing system to help improve indoor air quality.

The GREENGUARD certification ensures that these products comply with strict chemical and particle emission criteria for indoor air quality, further demonstrating the commitment by DuPont to provide building specifiers with high-performing products while meeting stringent industry standards for interior environments.

Moreover, these products have also received the GREENGUARD for Children & Schools<sup>SM</sup> Certification, a separate product standard for low-emitting interior building materials, furnishings and finish systems used in educational (daycare and K-12) environments.

“Fulfilling these rigorous third-party standards emphasizes our ongoing dedication to safety and sustainability,” says Alexa Dembek, North American business manager for DuPont Surfaces, commercial business segment. “Not only are we committed to providing a product that is made with minimal environmental impact, we also strive to provide designers and specifying professionals with the science and systems that will benefit the entire community. We understand that low-emitting products and materials help improve indoor air quality, especially in the healthcare and educational arenas. This is just one example of DuPont’s commitment to providing sustainable solutions globally that contribute to safer and healthier lives, as recently outlined in our sustainability goals for 2015.”



According to GREENGUARD, providing good, clean indoor air leads to healthy environments that help support people's productivity, well-being and job satisfaction as well as help address asthma, allergies and absenteeism from illness. GREENGUARD has established strict standards for chemical emissions from materials and requires products to be annually tested against these standards. These chemicals are primarily volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are released by building products and materials, and that have been shown to be harmful to human health. Additionally, products and materials are monitored quarterly to show compliance within the outlined criteria.

These standards are referenced in sustainable building programs, such as the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership for Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program for Commercial Interiors. Additionally, the 2006 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities has identified "low-VOC" as a key characteristic for preferred finishes or surfaces.

"The GREENGUARD Certification Program helps designers and building professionals identify low-emitting products that help improve indoor air quality without compromising individual design preferences," says Carl Smith, CEO of GREENGUARD. "The benefits of these certified products, such as DuPont's surfacing solutions, are passed down to the end-user; ultimately, helping to improve public health and the quality of life."

### **About DuPont**

DuPont Surfaces and Building Innovations™ is a strategic business unit of DuPont that manufactures and markets Corian® solid surfaces and Zodiaq® quartz surfaces. All Corian® and most Zodiaq® colors are NSF/ANSI 51 Certified for food contact and all are Class I (A) fire rated. Corian® is a well-known global brand in the solid surface category. More information is available at [www.corian.com](http://www.corian.com) or by calling 800-4-CORIAN. Zodiaq® is a premium surfacing material made almost entirely of pure quartz crystals. More information is available at [www.zodiaq.com](http://www.zodiaq.com) or by calling toll-free 877-229-3935.



DuPont is a science-based products and services company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture and food; building and construction; communications; and transportation.

### **About GREENGUARD Environmental Institute**

GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) is an industry independent, non-profit organization that oversees the GREENGUARD Certification Program. As an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer, GEI establishes acceptable standards for indoor products and testing protocols. GREENGUARD's goal is to improve public health and quality of life by helping manufacturers build better and safer products. The GREENGUARD Certification Program is the only industry independent certification program for low-emitting products. Please visit [www.greenguard.org](http://www.greenguard.org) for more information on this and other programs.

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