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Viance and Tiger Claw Collaborate on Winning Deck at Remodeling Show

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Oct. 13, 2008 – Viance LLC, a leading provider of advanced wood-treatment chemicals, and Tiger Claw Inc., a manufacturer of hidden deck fasteners, collaborated on the winning deck at the Remodeling Show 2008 in Baltimore, Sept. 10 to 12. Five teams, comprised of employees with the participating companies, competed. Each team constructed a deck on the show's premises at the Baltimore Convention Center. A closed panel of judges, all of whom are deck design experts, evaluated each of the five entries on the bases of design, execution and workmanship.

The winning deck was made with Viance's Ecolife™ Stabilized Weather-Resistant Wood and Tiger Claw® hidden deck fasteners, and was sold in an auction after the show. The proceeds were given to a local family in need.

"We are pleased to win the contest," said Don Martel, customer service manager of Tiger Claw Inc. and a contest participant, "but it is gratifying that our efforts led to helping a family in the community. The combination of our hidden deck fasteners with Ecolife pressure-treated wood enabled us to build a beautiful deck. Every member of the team was proud to have contributed."

Ecolife Stabilized Weather-Resistant Wood is treated with a nonmetallic preservative and wood stabilizing polymer system introduced by Viance last year. Ecolife offers customers the natural beauty of real wood with advancements in weather protection and resistance to decay and termite infestation. In addition, Ecolife Stabilized Weather-Resistant Wood also provides improved fastener performance with a wide range of fastener systems. It is no more corrosive to fasteners and connectors than untreated wood.

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Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners are designed to be economical and easy to install, resulting in a deck with no visible fasteners. Tiger Claw's catalog offers fasteners for every type of deck material. All fasteners are constructed of heavy-gauge stainless steel. Tiger Claw fasteners are available at more than 120 retail outlets nationwide.

About Viance LLC

Viance LLC provides an extensive range of advanced wood treatment technologies and services to the global wood treatment industry. With an expertise in wood biocides and wood protection chemicals, Viance provides high-level product support to its customers and innovative, advanced solutions that improve the performance and durability of wood and wood products. Viance is a joint venture between Rohm and Haas Co. and Chemical Specialties Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Rockwood Holdings Inc.

About Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners

Tiger Claw offers a complete line of innovative and versatile hidden deck fasteners. The TC-1 is a coated steel hidden deck fastener and the TC-2 deck fastener is made of stainless steel. Both are ideal for soft woods and pressure-treated lumber. The TC-3 is used with composite decking materials and medium density mahogany. It also may be used with cellular PVC decking materials. The TC-4 is perfect for exotic hardwood decking lumber like Ipe and Teak. The TC-G offers the fastest installation available today with pre-grooved decking or square edge boards using a router or biscuit joiner. All Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners are manufactured in the United States.

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