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TCA HIRES TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Sharon Jones has accepted the position of Director of Research and Installation Standards for the Tile Council of North America (TCA).

Ms. Jones' key responsibilities for 2004 encompass coordinating the updates to the 2005-2006 Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation and to the American National Standards Institute's A108 manual on installation standards, including possible new glass installation standards.

With 15 years of experience working in the ceramic industry and B.S. and M.S. degrees in ceramic engineering from the University of Washington, she brings a unique perspective to her position. An artist at heart, Ms. Jones has most recently designed and manufactured a line of decorative tile and gained practical experience through her work in residential tile installation.

Previously, Ms. Jones worked for Corning, Inc. as a senior manufacturing engineer and for Hughes Aircraft in their Microelectronics Circuits Division. Her accomplishments include improving furnace configuration and work on reduction of breaks in optical fiber manufacturing that led to an optical fiber coating die patent. Her work in microelectronics revolved around the development of thick film formulations for a variety of applications including varistors and superconductors.

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