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STEPHANIE SAMULSKI JOINS THE TILE COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA

Orlando, FL –4/6/06 The Tile Council of North America (TCNA) hired Stephanie Samulski for the newly created position of Project Manager. Ms. Samulski's responsibilities include coordinating industry training programs, developing educational materials, lecturing, working with product standards groups, and project inspection and consulting.

"We are planning for the future. We have witnessed increased interest in three key areas – training, product standard development, and inspection services. Ms. Samulski's educational responsibilities include being a guest instructor at the Ceramic Tile Education Foundation and assisting in a variety of educational projects. She will also be participating in the ANSI A137.1 standard discussions along with project work for TCA Team," said Eric Astrachan, TCNA's Executive Director.

Ms. Samulski brings to TCNA seven years of residential and commercial tile installation experience, project management, crew supervision, estimating, customer/trade relations, and technical writing.

While working with the Gale Group as an associate editor, Ms. Samulski wrote and edited articles for library reference volumes and technical manuals. She earned a BA in journalism from Wayne State University (Detroit, MI), where she was the assistant news editor for *The South End*.

Bringing her experience as a student of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers tile setter apprenticeship program in Michigan, Ms. Samulski now joins in the efforts of the Ceramic Tile Education Foundation to teach the installation methods and standards published by TCNA. In the more than six years that she worked for Shores Tile, Ms. Samulski worked on a myriad of tile applications, from the drive-through tunnels at Detroit's Metro Airport, where she slung mud all day for months, to the 40' x 40' outdoor mosaic at the College for Creative Studies, for which she received an IMI Artistic Tile Award. Ms. Samulski also installed tile for her business, Damiani Tile, prior to coming to TCNA.

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“Her background offers a unique combination of technical writing and hands-on skills – a valuable combination in installation education,” concluded Mr. Astrachan.

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