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## **Bio-Glass™ Shines Bright with Cradle to Cradle's Coveted Certification**

Cradle to Cradle, the highly regarded design paradigm that qualifies products by its eco-effectiveness, has bestowed Bio-Glass with its Silver Certification. "Coverings ETC has developed a valuable, ecologically-intelligent product made from 100% recycled-content that can easily be recycled by the final customer as well. Bio-Glass has no colorants or other additives. Following its use, Bio-Glass can be placed into the same recycling containers as drink bottles!" said Steve Bolton, Senior Consultant of MBDC, the environmental consulting and design firm that developed Cradle to Cradle design.

Bio-Glass surface material is at the heart of Coverings ETC's mission to care for the environment through its products, practices and initiatives. Bio-Glass, available in 110" x 49" slabs, is made from 100 percent recycled glass and is recyclable. White and light green glass slabs contain one hundred percent pre-consumer recycled content broken glass panes from the glass manufacturing industries that would ordinarily go towards landfills. Dark brown, green and blue are produced using one hundred percent post-consumer glass from beer, water and other bottles and jars.

The unique material is versatile in its application and can be used for flooring, countertops as well as other decorative surfaces. The layers of compressed glass pieces create unique patterns through which light permeates resulting in a solid surface that appears lit from within.

From the earliest phases of processing in Coverings ETC's International Standards for Environmental Practices UNI EN ISO 14 001-certified manufacturing plants, to the end user, the Bio-Glass collection upholds rigorous environmental standards without sacrificing style. The Bio-Glass collection is one example of Coverings ETC's dual focus on aesthetics and the environment and has earned NSF and GreenSpec third party certifications. In fact, Bio-Glass has been recognized by leading industry figures for its achievements: "With greater concerns about sustainability, designers are looking for low environmental impact solutions but do not want to compromise on aesthetics; this product offers both." Andrew H. Dent, PhD, Vice President, Library and Materials Research Material ConneXion, Inc.

Since 2001 Coverings ETC has been a member of the US Green Building Council. As early pioneers of the green movement, the founders of Coverings made great strides in green education, creating a team of professionals who offer green design solutions as one of the company's comprehensive services. To ensure that green goals are met, in-house consultations are available to architects, designers and developers.