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**ON THE COVER:**  
**Merkrete Systems**

Product Focus: Green Products  
Coverings' PROJECT: Green winners  
Green equals green with ceramic tile

the **GREEN** issue

## NEW PRODUCTS

addition to its non-slip, non-slump and superior transfer characteristics, the new mortar is also formulated to be used in medium-bed or thin-set mortar applications. Available in gray or white formulas, TEC® Ultimate Large Tile Mortar contains recycled materials, emits no VOCs and exceeds ANSI A118.4 and A118.11 specifications. It is offered in 40 lb. bags that provide the same coverage as a 50 lb. bag and is available for purchase immediately. [www.tecspecialty.com](http://www.tecspecialty.com)

**Coverings ETC** offers Bio-Glass, which is 100% recycled and 100% recyclable. Bio-Glass is available in 110"x49" slabs. White and light green glass slabs contain 100% pre-consumer recycled glass content from broken panes from the glass manufacturing industries that would normally go to landfill. Dark brown, green and blue Bio-Glass slabs use 100% post-



consumer glass from beer, water and other bottles and jars. Bio-Glass can be used for flooring, countertops and other decorative surfaces. Layers of compressed glass impart unique patterns and a sense of depth and movement, creating a solid surface that appears lit from within. The Bio-Glass collection earned NSF and Green Spec third party certification as well as Cradle to Cradle certification. [www.coveringsetc.com](http://www.coveringsetc.com).

**Merkrete's** Burst™ is an Add-a-Pak Accelerator additive for portland cement products. It effectively turns portland cement mortar into a rapid set mortar and can cut working time in half. With Burst, you no longer need



to purchase or inventory both standard and rapid set products. Burst comes in easy to handle one-pound bags, 48 per case. Simply mix it in with your mortar and it accelerates set times thus minimizing completion time. It will not impede mortar attributes and can be used to speed up work times with any portland cement mortar such as mud beds, masonry mortars, underlayments, thin sets and grouts. With minimal effect on grout color, Burst is handy, easy to use and excellent for repair work. [www.merkrete.com](http://www.merkrete.com).