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Hurricane Ready

Local Architects & Building Professionals Gather to Learn About Impact Windows & High Performance Glass

.MIAMI – June 19, 2008 – With hurricane season just getting started, more than 80 architects from throughout South Florida gathered at CGI Windows and Doors, Inc. last week to learn about the latest technology in impact resistant windows and glass. The event was co-sponsored by the Miami chapter of the American Association of Architects (AIA).

“While Florida continues to be the world leader in developing hurricane resistant strategies, such as impact resistant windows, there is always new information that architects need,” said Brian Evans, CEO, CGI. “We created this seminar to help bring architects up to speed on the latest hurricane code requirements and technological advancements in the impact-resistant glazing industry.”

The event, Designing with Impact Resistant Windows & High Performance Glass, was hosted and held at the facilities of Miami-based CGI Windows and Doors. The seminar was accredited by AIA and provided architects with two learning units. The CGI staff gave architects a tour of the company’s manufacturing plant and reviewed how window and door systems are designed to withstand hurricane force winds.

“We are asked to sponsor hundreds of seminars every month,” says Mike Brazlavsky, executive vice president of AIA Miami. “We chose this seminar because information on

impact resistant glass and how it relates to energy efficiency are critical topics for our area. We've worked with CGI for years, and know their products and engineering are world class. Our members were impressed."

The day included presentations from some of the industry's leading hurricane mitigation and glass experts, including: Vinu Abraham, CEO, Hurricane Test Lab (HTL) and Tim Kaiser, sales manager, Cardinal LG Ocala, Florida.

In addition to the tour and presentations, HTL demonstrated an air canon impact test. The test was based on the rigid impact standards required by Miami Dade County. The highlight of the demonstration occurred when a 2x4 traveling at 34 MPH was twice stopped in its tracks by a CGI window but cut right through a 3/8" piece of plywood and non-impact window. "Our products are designed not only to satisfy state and county hurricane impact resistant requirements, but to far exceed them so that our customers are assured of protection," stated Steve Dawson, executive vice president sales, CGI.

As concerns about increasing hurricane activity grow, architects across the state are gearing up to incorporate more hurricane-resistant building techniques, and the information presented in the CGI symposium was well received. This is the third accredited architectural event that CGI has put on throughout the state over that last eight months. The events continue to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback. CGI plans to host additional symposiums in the coming months. For additional information, visit www.cgiwindows.com or call CGI at 800-442-9042.

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ABOUT CGI WINDOWS & DOORS

CGI has a strong reputation for offering architectural-grade impact windows and doors with unique features and high-quality construction that exceed industry standards. CGI products have been specified and installed in some of the most prestigious residential and commercial projects in South Florida, including the Palm Beach Breakers Hotel historical restoration. Recently, CGI was named one of the industry's Top 100 Window Companies by *Window & Door Magazine*. Established in 1992, the company was the first impact

window and door manufacturer to offer PVB laminated glass designed exclusively to meet the Miami-Dade County impact-resistant protocols.

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