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GLASSTEC 2008 TO FEATURE GLASS TECHNOLOGY LIVE SPECIAL SHOW

An exclusive preview of the future of glass technology and its use in architecture will be provided by the Special Show glass technology live during the international trade fair glasstec 2008, to be held from October 21 - 25 in Düsseldorf, Germany. Renowned architect firms, companies and research institutes will showcase the latest product developments, manufacturing processes and technologies as well as current research results and forward-looking architectural projects in the areas of glass and solar technology. The spectrum ranges from visionary studies to concrete solutions ready for mass-production. The Special Show glass technology live will be organized by Stefan Behling, Professor at the Institute of Building Construction and Design at the Stuttgart University.

The topic of this year's Special Show glass technology live will be "Glass and Energy", subdivided into the four exhibit areas "Photovoltaics", "Solar-Thermal Systems", "Thermal and Solar Protection" and "Light and Transparency". Climate efficiency and

environmental protection are important themes on the global agenda and the demand for innovative solutions is therefore equally high. Due to its unique combination of function and design, glass offers tremendous potential as a construction material. The Special Show glass technology live will offer architects, façade producers and engineers a wealth of ideas and practical assistance for their projects. The exhibition will demonstrate possible applications for innovative glass products in energy-efficient and integrated façades and building skins. The “Lehrter Bahnhof” station by architects Gerkan, Marg & Partner and the Monument to the Victims of M11 in Madrid by the Spanish architect FAM and the engineering office Schlaich Bergermann & Partner, are just two of the highlights of this special exhibit.

Held in connection with the Special Show glass technology live will be a high-caliber technical symposium with lectures and presentations from research and development. Each day of the trade fair a different topic will be addressed. The lecture series will start with “Glass for Energy-Saving and Generating Applications”. On the following days a variety of talks will be held on themes such as “Current Architectural Projects”, “Active-Solar Building Skins”, “Thermal and Solar Protection” and “Saving Energy with Glass”. The Berlin architect firm Armand Grüntuch will present a current building project, Saint Gobain will lecture on glass wool insulation materials and the Window Engineering Institute (ift) will provide information on new applications for triple glazing. Solar thermal applications also play a key role and Schott Solar will talk about “Solar Façades and Building Integrated Solar Roofs – Pre-Report on Trends, Status Quo and Perspectives for the Solar Industry”. In addition, there will be a session of papers describing manufacturing technologies for thin-film modules.

For further information on visiting or exhibiting at glasstec 2008, contact Messe Düsseldorf North America, 150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2920, Chicago, IL 60601. Telephone: (312) 781-5180; Fax: (312) 781-5188; E-mail: info@mdna.com. Or visit the web site <http://www.mdna.com>.

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