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TANDUS RECOGNIZES CLEVELAND CLINIC FOR COMMITMENT TO RECYCLING

CLEVELAND, OH (December 2007) – Tandus, a leading manufacturer of commercial floorcoverings, has recognized Cleveland Clinic with its Environmental Stewardship Award for its commitment to recycling. Tandus collaborated with the hospital to reclaim 143,518 lbs (13,863 yards) of carpet through the carpet reclamation program of its C&A Floorcoverings brand. Christina Vernon Ayers, AIA, LEED AP Director, Office for a Healthy Environment at Cleveland Clinic, accepted the award on the hospital's behalf.

“We focus on sustainable design and energy management throughout the entire lifecycle of our Cleveland Clinic facilities; from acquisition, through construction and in the course of sustaining our buildings,” said Ms. Ayers. “Protecting and preserving our environment is an absolute priority.”

Since its C&A Floorcoverings brand began this closed-loop recycling program, Tandus has diverted more than 110 million pounds of reclaimed vinyl and vinyl carpet from landfills and incinerators, and turned it back into 100 percent recycled content backing for its floorcoverings. Rather than use virgin raw materials, the company buys back old vinyl-backed floorcoverings, regardless of original manufacturer, and its sustainable warranty guarantees that it will be recycled in its entirety.

“We were very pleased that Cleveland Clinic chose to recycle its old vinyl-backed carpet through our reclamation and recycling program,” said Susan Rowland, Account Executive, Tandus. “It demonstrates a growing commitment throughout various organizations to maintain an environmentally sound work environment.”

ABOUT TANDUS

Tandus creates floorcovering solutions that enhance spaces for learning, working, healing, and living through inspired design, leading-edge technology, unprecedented achievement toward sustainability, and an absolute commitment to continued leadership. Drawing upon each brand's

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Reclaimed vinyl-backed carpet transported to the recycling facility is chopped into slices as the first step in the closed-loop program for recycling old carpet back into new carpet.



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Ridley Kinsey, General Manager, Healthcare Markets, Tandus, and Susan Rowland, Account Executive, Tandus, present a certificate of recognition to Christina Vernon Ayers, AIA, LEED AP Director, Office for a Healthy Environment, Cleveland Clinic.



individual strengths- C&A, Monterey and Crossley- Tandus offers its customers single-source innovative product design and technology, comprehensive services, and environmental leadership. For more than 40 years, Tandus has been examining all the ways to be a better corporate citizen and environmental steward — and then taking actions that lead to demonstrable, meaningful, quantifiable results. Based in Dalton, Ga., Tandus can be found online at www.tandus.com

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