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FLOR CONTRIBUTES TO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY'S *SMART HOME: GREEN + WIRED* EXHIBIT

Elmhurst, IL, April 2, 2009 – FLOR, Inc., manufacturer and marketer of design-inspired, eco-friendly carpet tiles, is a proud contributor to the newly redesigned Museum of Science and Industry exhibit [*Smart Home: Green + Wired, Powered by ComEd.*](#)

The exhibit, which originally opened in May 2008 and welcomed more than 100,000 guests in its 2008 run, reopened to the public, with a fresh new look and products on March 19, 2009. Within the exhibit, guests can tour a real, functioning three-story, modular and sustainable “green” home – built right in the Museum’s backyard. This exhibit marks the first time that a museum has built a fully functioning exhibit home of this kind on its grounds.

The exhibit home, designed by [Michelle Kaufmann Designs](#) and built by [All American Homes](#), runs through January 3, 2010, and highlights unique eco-friendly technologies for the 21st century and celebrates exciting new directions in sustainable living and design. The museum offers guests guided tours of the 2,500-square foot home and grounds, located in a park on east side of the Museum. Within the home, guests will be able to view the latest innovations in reusable resources; smart energy consumption; eco-friendly landscaping; and clean, healthy-living environments in a contemporary setting.

New features in the freshly updated 2009 *Smart Home* include bright and bold colors, recycled glass countertops; a “green” baby nursery; a do-it-yourself garage space for repurposing materials; vertical gardens perfect for urban spaces; and, coming summer 2009, a wind turbine to provide wind energy for the home.

FLOR’s participation in the Museum’s *Smart Home* exhibit was a natural fit since both Chicago businesses share a commitment to inspiration and innovation. “One of FLOR’s core philosophies is a commitment to good design,” said Greg Colando, president, FLOR. “For us, that means design that is also good for the planet. At FLOR, we use renewable and recycled materials and eco-friendly manufacturing processes in creating FLOR tiles in order to help reduce our impact on the environment. We are proud to be part of this exhibit and hope visitors discover how simple, little lifestyle changes really can make a big difference.”

FLOR’s eco-friendly carpet tiles can be found adding elements of comfort and design throughout the home, with styles like [Straight and Narrow](#) featured as a durable runner in the corridors of the first and second floors; [Shirt Stripe](#) adding some color and bold design to the boy’s room; and, the [Hello Down There rug](#) providing a unique “bird’s eye view” of a cityscape in the home office.

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FLOR – Smart Home: Green + Wired Exhibit

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The *Smart Home: Green + Wired* exhibit is a must-see for anyone who wants their home, and life, to be smarter, more efficient and more in tune with the environment than it is today.

Smart Home: Green + Wired is proudly sponsored by ComEd, Dominick's and the Motorola Foundation. Guided tour times vary. Visit www.msichicago.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

About FLOR

Launched in the spring of 2003 as part of the [Interface, Inc.](http://www.interfaceinc.com) family of companies, FLOR is a line of high-style, modular carpet tiles for homes and businesses that allows consumers to create and express their own, unique design personality. FLOR's innovative and beautiful designs are packaged in 19.7 inch squares that allow people to freely and easily mix and match colors, patterns and textures in countless ways as area rugs, runners or wall-to-wall carpeting. For more information about FLOR, please visit FLOR.com.

FLOR's dedication to beautiful design includes a commitment to the environment: Truly great design is to create sustainable living solutions that are also beautiful for the Earth. Because FLOR cares about the planet and its future, it seriously considers the eco-footprint of all that we do from design and manufacturing to reclaiming and recycling old product into new. FLOR is part of Interface's [Mission Zero](http://www.interfaceinc.com), a promise to eliminate the negative impact its family of companies has on the environment by the year 2020. Learn more at FLOR.com/green.

About the Museum of Science and Industry

The Museum of Science and Industry's mission is to inspire the inventive genius in everyone by presenting captivating and compelling experiences that are real and educational. Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, the Museum is open every day of the year except December 25. Regular Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. Extended summer hours, until 5:30 p.m. each day, will be offered from May 22 to Sept. 7. The Museum offers indoor parking and is accessible by CTA and Metra. The Museum is supported in part through the generosity of the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit the Museum's Web site at www.msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414 or (800) GO-TO-MSI outside of the Chicago area.

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