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Saint-Gobain to Construct Third Flat Glass Production Line in India

To meet the increasing demand of its Indian customers, Saint-Gobain has announced plans to build a new flat glass plant in India. This latest investment will be located in the north of India, about 65 km from Delhi. The plant will operate a large float line with a capacity of 300 KT/year, and it should come on-stream in the first quarter of 2010.

Acme Brick Receives Brick in Architecture Award from BIA

Acme Brick's new Fort Worth, Texas, headquarters topped the Brick Industry Association's (BIA) recent Brick in Architecture awards competition. The building, designed by architects at Gideon Toal Inc., was the first-place winner in the commercial category. Entries were judged based on their creative use of brick masonry and the practical nature of their design.

Four practicing architects from around the country independently reviewed and scored each of the entries. Of the 175 total entries, representing some of the country's premier architectural firms, six projects were chosen as the best in their field. Commenting on the Acme Brick building, the judges said, "This project exemplifies what this awards program is about. It expresses the craft of masonry along with good planning and contemporary architecture. The design team's use of the brick in structure, exterior and interior expression, as well as in artwork, presents a well-executed and considered solution."

The aesthetic goals for the 75,000-square-foot structure situated on 5.67 riverside acres were twofold. The first was to respond to the wooded site and river location and set a standard for future development in the area. The second was to demonstrate the variety of design alternatives that can be achieved with brick veneer. The solid, permanent look of the building's brick and glass façade is consistent with the commitment of the company to the community. The design also exemplifies current masonry construction techniques and brick patterns, as well as the relatively new use of recycled concrete as a base for the main drive through the site.

The building is sensitive to its river location by providing inviting brick and stone outdoor break areas for employees, and it incorporates a water harvesting, storage and site irrigation system that mitigates the impact of the project on the water quality of the river. The use of brick pavers further minimizes the effect of runoff water from drive-through and parking areas into the watershed. Genuine clay pavers absorb rainwater and release it into the earth below instead of draining water away.

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