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## **Tiger Mountain Innovations Produces 500<sup>th</sup> Slab of Environmentally Friendly Countertop**

*Company Celebrates Milestone at Seattle's Environmental Home Center Sept. 21*

*Woodinville, Wash.*—What started as a series of experiments in Ameé Quiriconi's Issaquah garage, is now Squak Mountain Stone, a cement-based composite countertop and tabletop that is grabbing the attention of builders and designers across the country. Quiriconi's three-year old company, Tiger Mountain Innovations, will celebrate the production of its 500<sup>th</sup> slab of Squak Mountain Stone Sept. 21 at Seattle's Environmental Home Center.

"It's amazing how far we've come in such a short time," says Quiriconi. "Our unique product is case in point that environmental responsibility and profitability are not mutually exclusive."

Squak Mountain Stone, which has similar depth and characteristics to natural soapstone surfaces, is made from more than 60 percent post-consumer and post-industrial waste. Each slab is individually handcrafted using recycled materials such as mixed paper, coal fly ash and crushed glass from local manufacturers, as well as Portland cement. The result is a product that weighs 50 percent less than traditional concrete slabs of similar size, but is just as durable.

"Since 2004, we have recycled more than 2,000 pounds of paper and more than 50,000 combined pounds of granite dust, fly ash and glass—materials that would otherwise end up in local landfills," says Quiriconi. "Consumers can feel good using Squak Mountain Stone for projects such as kitchen or bathroom countertops, knowing that they are supporting waste reduction efforts."

Squak Mountain Stone is available in five earthy hues and each slab contains veins of color that mimic the mineral deposits in natural stone. It contains no rebar or steel reinforcements, and therefore can be custom fit on the job site.

Tiger Mountain Innovations will showcase its Squak Mountain Stone products to the media and customers at a celebratory event Sept. 21 at the Environmental Home Center in Seattle. Media are encouraged to attend between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and customers are invited to a

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cocktail reception from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The 500<sup>th</sup> slab will be given away at the event, as well as Squak Mountain Stone bowls.

For more information, visit [www.squakmountainstone.com](http://www.squakmountainstone.com).

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