



News Release

New glazing resists damage and weathering to preserve scenic ocean views

Makrolon® MAK™ 15 delivers up to 50% longer life over prior polycarbonate glazing in transparent cliff-side patio railing wall

Helps cuts weight, installation cost and risk of breakage compared to glass

Dateline, August 14, 2009— Sheffield Plastics, a Bayer MaterialScience LLC Business, offers a new glazing material that helps provide longer term clarity and damage resistance in the protective wall bordering the large patio area of a new Pacific Ocean-side condominium.

Paul Benton Architects and the building owner, 202 Coast LLC, chose Makrolon® MAK™ 15, a new glazing material for the condominium complex in La Jolla, California. The four foot and six foot high transparent railing sections allows unobstructed views of the coast line along the entire installation.

Damage and weathering resistance were two major factors in their decision. Makrolon MAK 15 provides a warranty resistance to breakage, an advantage over glass. In addition, the new abrasion resistant material has up to 50% longer weathering life compared to prior polycarbonate-based glazing products. This preserves ocean views despite intense exposure to sunlight and salt spray.

According to the contractor, Baldwin Construction of Carlsbad California, Makrolon sheet also allowed for lower installation costs, a benefit of its lighter weight. In an equivalent thickness, glass is twice as heavy, and would have required more manpower to install on the challenging site.

An in-depth survey conducted by Sheffield Plastics among major architectural firms led to the development of Makrolon MAK 15. Among the top requests were

for longer weathering life and abrasion resistance coupled with the toughness of polycarbonate sheet. After a five-year development program, the product was introduced with a 15 year limited warranty against yellowing and degradation, a major increase over any current polycarbonate product.

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Makrolon® MAK™ 15 polycarbonate sheet railing

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