



# TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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## PACIFIC BUILDING TRADE EXPO

Save the date to be an exhibitor at the 2010 Pacific Building Trade Show by the AIA/CSI. The show is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at the Hawaii Convention Center Exhibition Hall. As a sponsor of last year's expo, we have an opportunity for a "first priority" on booth assignments at this year's show and the deadline for our booth reservations is Friday, April 2, 2010. A reservation request will then be sent to all previous exhibitors.

The TCAH will once again cover half the cost for one booth per company member at this show. However, your company must be a current member for two consecutive years including your renewal for 2010.

If you would like to participate and have not contacted us yet, please do so as soon as possible at [lisaakim@hawaii.com](mailto:lisaakim@hawaii.com) or 808-545-4195.

### MEMBERSHIP CLARIFICATION FOR SIGNATORY MEMBERS

We would like to clarify some of your questions about becoming a member of the TCAH. If you are a signatory member of the union and are making contributions, your company is not automatically a member of the TCAH. There is yearly fee/dues of \$120.00 for a signatory member and the application can be found at [www.tilehawaii.com](http://www.tilehawaii.com) or calling Lisa Kim at 808-545-4195.

### SUPPLIER/ASSOCIATE CORNER

Our members would like to hear about updates and industry news from our valued Supplier/Associate Members. Please submit your brief article to Lisa Kim at [lisaakim@hawaii.com](mailto:lisaakim@hawaii.com).

### TILE INSTALLATION HANDBOOK CD

If you are a member of the TCAH and you have not received a Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation by the Tile Council of America, please contact Lisa Kim at 808-545-4195.

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The following are some legislative bills that we thought you may be interested in.

#### Killed or Most Likely to be Killed:

SB 2388 UH out of procurement code and especially the subcontractor listing clause. (HB 2055 too)

SB 2793 GCA inspired bill to eliminate and reduce the number of subcontractor specialty licenses.

SB 2798 An Ironworkers Union bill to say that a sub can only perform work outside his scope of license (incidental and supplemental) if it is less than one half of one percent or less of the total job.

SB 2906 Delete the "nature and scope" description a general must provide when listing a subcontractor for public works.

HB 2702 Raise pay allowance for handyman from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00 (SB 2707 too)

HB 2343 Increases GE tax to 5%

#### Pending:

House~

HB 2047 Leaf blower ban

HB 2099 Minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 on July 1, 2010

HB 2169 Increases unemployment insurance tax to \$600.00 – sent to governor

HB 2736 Requires 80% of workers be Hawaii residents for public works projects

HB 2899 Inspection Task Force by DCCA for unlicensed contractors on construction sites

Senate~

SB 2041 Increase wholesale tax from ½ percent to 1 ½ percent

SB 2416 Moves GE tax payment back to 30<sup>th</sup> of the month rather than the 20<sup>th</sup>

SB 2476 Increases minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$7.75

## WHAT IS THE BEST WATERPROOFING SOLUTION?

by Brian Day, MAPEI Product Manager, Membranes

Q: I've been asked to specify a waterproofing and crack-isolation membrane for use under quarry tile for a brewery floor renovation. Which waterproofing membrane can be installed quickly, dries really fast and can successfully withstand harsh, industrial conditions over the long term?

A: Ready-to-use *Mapelastic AquaDefense* requires no reinforcing fabric, is easily applied with a roller and utilizes MAPEI's FastTrack Ready technology – allowing your tile installation after only 30 to 50 minutes of drying time. This fast, easy, premium waterproofing solution was specifically designed for challenging industrial applications like dairies and breweries.

Q: As a traditional tile installer, I don't commonly install single component waterproofing systems under tile, especially for bathrooms in multi-story high-rises. My preference is to invest a little more time and material into a job so I don't have to worry about callbacks. Which waterproofing membrane would give me peace of mind right from the start?

A: *Mapelastic 400* quick-drying, latex-based waterproofing membrane system would be an excellent choice for your applications because it consists of a premixed liquid and a reinforcing fabric. The fabric component is thin, easy to cut to size and quickly absorbs the roller-applied *Mapelastic 400* liquid. With this waterproofing system, commercial-grade installations will be durable and reliable for many years to come.

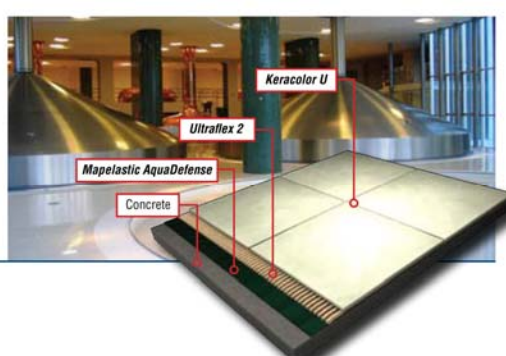
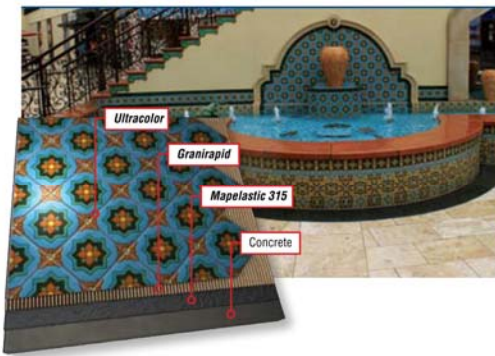
Q: I'm looking for a really flexible yet durable waterproofing membrane specifically for use over plywood in wood-frame construction. Does a waterproofing membrane like this exist for residential to light commercial applications?

A: Premixed, acrylic-based *Mapelastic HPG* is a highly flexible and durable membrane that is easy to install right out of the pail. For general waterproofing applications, reinforcing fiberglass mesh is not required in the field – simply roll on *Mapelastic HPG* and let it dry. Installing waterproofing has never been easier.

Q: More and more often, I am asked to install waterproofing in renovated facilities that have rough, porous substrates over which tile will ultimately be installed. What type of waterproofing would work best over rough surface profiles in high traffic, commercialgrade applications?

A: Formulated with excellent bond to cement-based mortars, *Mapelastic 315* is MAPEI's most durable, cement-based waterproofing membrane. This two-component, trowel-applied membrane is the ideal solution for rough, porous surfaces as it easily fills small gaps and cracks along the entire substrate. Highly flexible, commercial-grade *Mapelastic 315* is perfect for both interior and exterior applications.

Please contact your local sales representative or visit [www.mapei.com](http://www.mapei.com) for more information on MAPEI products, systems and warranties.



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us at our next membership meeting. Your participation is valuable and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Side Street Inn, 1225 Hoapaka Street

Hosted Heavy Pupus and Beverages

RSVP to Pacific Administrators at 808-441-8600

## GE TAXES DUE ON THE 20TH OF MONTH

Just a reminder to submit your GE taxes on the 20th of the month to avoid any penalties. We do not need to pay the state anymore than we do now!

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