

## Corporate Environmental Statement



Since 1991, Parterre Flooring Systems has offered resilient wood plank, stone tile and sheet flooring products with unsurpassed quality and performance.

The combination of durability and attractive design makes Parterre products an ideal choice for commercial applications, including healthcare, retail, food services, educational, governmental, multi-family, fitness, public and professional spaces. Our broad selection of resilient flooring solutions authentically replicate the beauty of granite, marble, quarried limestone and wood, as well as metallic surfaces and other unique finishes.

Parterre has taken its cues from nature not only in the design of its products, but also in its corporate philosophy. At Parterre, we're interested in more than just a beautiful floor covering.

We also understand the importance of preserving the beauty around us. That's why environmental responsibility is a core value at Parterre. We've taken every measure to ensure our products are environmentally friendly each step of the way: from production, to installation, to daily use and ultimately disposal and reuse.

Parterre's environmental stewardship begins in the manufacturing process. Sustainability is considered right from the start – renewable resources and common materials available in great supply are basic ingredients used to create vinyl.<sup>1</sup> In addition, Parterre products are made with both post-consumer and post-industrial recycled materials, meaning we reuse the scrap from the manufacturing process, as well as reclaimed vinyl flooring.



## Indoor Air Quality

Parterre flooring and its adhesives emit minimal levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are dissipated quickly through normal ventilation.

**Our products meet or exceed all indoor air quality standards.**

Parterre flooring's moisture barrier ensures that spills do not penetrate the surface and cause microbial growth.

## Long Life

Parterre products are designed to stand the test of time, with a heavy-duty, high-density clear wear layer that makes it extremely durable. **Our flooring's long life translates into greater long-term cost savings and environmental efficiencies.**

## LEED Points

The use of Parterre products may qualify a project for points in the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)<sup>®</sup> rating system.

**By installing Parterre flooring, a specifier could earn LEED points in the following categories: Recycled Content Credit 4.1 (contains more than 40 percent post-industrial recycled content), Indoor Environmental Quality Credit 4.1 (low emitting materials) and Materials & Resources Credit 4.2 (no added urea-Formaldehyde resins).**

With so many environmental, performance and design benefits, it's easy to see why vinyl, and particularly Parterre products, has evolved into today's flooring of choice. Parterre is a company built upon a vision of providing floors with superior beauty and durability, while still preserving the resources and beauty of the world around us, all delivered with an emphasis on excellent customer service. This vision will flourish in the future as Parterre continues to meet and exceed the design, performance and environmental demands of an ever-changing world market.

<sup>1</sup>Commercial Flooring Network. In Everyday Life [online]. Available: <http://www.commercialflooring.org>.  
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<sup>3</sup>Commercial Flooring Network. In Everyday Life [online]. Available: <http://www.commercialflooring.org>.  
<sup>4</sup>European Commission. (July 2004). Life Cycle Assessment of PVC and of principal competing materials. p. 78.  
<sup>5</sup>Vinyl by Design. Environmental Considerations [online]. Available: <http://www.vinylbydesign.com>. (2004).  
<sup>6</sup>U.S. Department of Commerce. (April 1999). Environmental and Economic Impact Analysis - Flooring Materials.