

Press release

The ship designer's first choice: Thermopal shapes the design of the Norwegian Epic

Leutkirch, 27 September 2010 – It truly is an international ship. Built in France and based in Miami (USA), the Norwegian Epic set sail on its first major voyage to the Caribbean beginning of July. The interior of this unique entertainment ship was designed by the Swedish offices of Tillberg Design, with whom Thermopal has had a close cooperation for many years. They fitted out the 2100 passenger cabins of the Norwegian Epic with high quality high-pressure laminates from Leutkirch.

“The quality and variety of cores, surfaces and designs that Thermopal has to offer are simply unbeatable,” says project manager Anders Lund-Rasmussen. “Our experiences have been excellent, and we now have premium products from Leutkirch on almost all our ships. Despite, or perhaps because of that, we have never had any complaints.” And it’s no coincidence that the team at Thermopal is pleased to offer architects, planners and interior designers the best advice when choosing a product, adds project consultant Guido Alrich, who is responsible for the ship construction division.

In the case of the Norwegian Epic, Tillberg Design opted for an exclusive olive tree design that was specially adapted for this project. It was then combined with Malaga beige and used to fit out all 2100 cabins. As Thermopal gives them the freedom to combine any design with any surface and any core technology, the architects chose the high-gloss surface. Guests can relax in their light-filled cabins and enjoy a rest before returning to the hustle and bustle of life on the Norwegian Epic, which promises world-class entertainment with shows, concerts, circus, theatre and

dinner events. And furthermore, at 2883m² the Norwegian Epic's spa and fitness centre is the biggest one of its kind on the high seas.

Pictures: <http://www.epic.ncl.de/schiff/downloads/>

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About Thermopal:

Thermopal GmbH of Leutkirch im Allgäu is one of the leading manufacturers of wood materials for exclusive interior construction, contract projects and shop construction. The product programme by this premium supplier includes decorative chipboard and MDF panels, high-pressure laminates and numerous special products. The current range consists of more than 500 designs, 11 different surfaces and some 20 core materials, all of which can be combined as desired in the DST system (design - surface - core technology). The traditional company's customers include architects and interior design companies, wood retailers and the furniture industry. For further information please go to www.thermopal.com.

About Pfeleiderer:

SDAX-listed Pfeleiderer AG (ISIN DE 0006764749) is one of the world's leading producers of engineered wood. The company employs approximately 5,600 people and operates 22 sites in North America, Western and Eastern Europe producing engineered wood, surface finished products and laminate flooring. Pfeleiderer is a preferred partner of the furniture industry, specialist and home improvement stores, and interior design suppliers. In fiscal year 2009, the Group generated consolidated revenues of approximately €1.4 billion and EBITDA after restructuring costs of approximately €100 million. More information at: www.pfeleiderer.com

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