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**Shaw Contract Group Introduces “Silk” Broadloom and Tile Products
*Collection Inspired by Southeast Asian Color and Texture Offers Solution to
Executive Corporate and Professional Services Office Spaces***

CHICAGO – [June 13, 2006] – Shaw Contract Group, the leading flooring provider to the commercial market, introduces “Silk,” a collection of highly styled, colorful and textured products to meet the needs of professional services and executive commercial interior spaces.

The “Silk” collection consists of four broadloom products and six tile products touting a rich, saturated color palette of 16 colors in broadloom products and 16 colors in tile products*.

Supporting the theme “Design is a Journey,” Shaw Contract Group designers immersed themselves in the culture of silk by traveling to Thailand where they were able to see first-hand the depth of earthy color tones as well as the unique texturing involved with this precious fabric. The 11-day tour allowed Shaw Contract Group designers a chance to visit many tiny silk weaving villages throughout the country. This experience gave the design team a broad overview and sense of the various types of silk. After taking more than 2,000 photos of various fabrics and colors, designers were able to visualize the culture silk is created from so that it could be woven into the overall aesthetic of the final product.

“The fieldwork conducted for the construction of ‘Silk’ shows the commitment Shaw Contract Group has to designing quality and original products for ultra high-end projects,” said John Stephens, vice president of marketing for Shaw Contract Group. “Our design team has done a tremendous job incorporating nuanced design in this group of luxury styles. A true sense of Southeast Asian artisan influence is captured making this a rich and tailored collection of commercial carpet products.”

Suited for executive corporate and professional services office spaces, “Silk” offers unmatched styling and color along with strong environmental attributes. Tile products in the “Silk” collection use EcoWorx, Shaw Contract Group’s cradle to cradle backing, containing 40 percent recycled content and is backed with Shaw Contract Group’s Environmental Guarantee, meaning Shaw Contract Group guarantees it will pick up EcoWorx at the end of its life, at no charge to the customer, and recycle it into more EcoWorx backing.

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2- “Silk” Collection from Shaw Contract Group

About Shaw Contract Group

Shaw Contract Group defines design not only by great appearance, but also performance and sustainability. The result is long-lasting carpet with vibrant colors, distinctive patterns, and minimal environmental impact. As a division of Shaw Industries, Shaw Contract Group combines the expertise of the world’s largest carpet manufacturer with the financial stability of a Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary. For more information, visit www.shawcontractgroup.com.

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