## TILE DESIGNER AND MANUFACTURER

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET EXEMPTION

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is designed to provide both workers and emergency personnel with the proper procedures for handling or working with a particular substance. MSDS's include information such as physical data (melting point, boiling point, flash point, etc. ) toxicity, health effects, first aid, reactivity, storage, disposal, protective equipment, and spill/leak procedures. These are of particular use if a spill or other accident occurs.

OSHA's (O ccupation Safety & Health Administration – U.S. Department of Labor ) mission is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.

### **OSHA** requires MSDS's ONLY for materials that

- a) meet OSHA's definition of hazardous;
- b) are "known to be present in the workplace in such a manner that employees may be exposed under normal condition of use or in a foreseeable emergency".
- c) The section 1910.1200 (b)(6)(v) of OSHA Regulations (standards 29 CFR) Hazard Communication does not apply to those items defined as "Articles" , as that term is defined in paragraph 1910.1200 (c):

"Article" means a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle:

- (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture;
- (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use;
- (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than small quantities, e.g., minute or trace of hazardous chemical and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees.

All Stone Pewter Accent / Lunada Bay glass tiles meet the definition of "Article" , so they are exempt from the requirements of OSHA Regulations Standard. Moreover they do not represent any kind of chemical or physical hazard or health risk to employees.

# It can be stated that all S.P.A. glass tiles are not deemed to be hazardous products: therefore, they do not require a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

#### **ADDITIONAL:**

Personal safety requires always using protective eye wear, dust mask, and gloves, when cutting, drilling and installing glass tiles.