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IIDA PRESENTS 2009 INTERNATIONAL HONORS & AWARDS
Hilda Longinotti, Ind. IIDA, Honored with 2009 Star Award

June 14, 2009, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association’s International Honors and Awards were presented at IIDA’s Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2009 by Association President, Mitchell Sawasy, FIIDA, AIA. Three awards were given this year: the Star Award, the Distinguished Leadership Award and the Titan Award.

The IIDA Star Award recognizing outstanding contributions to the interior design profession was presented to Hilda Longinotti, Industry IIDA, Herman Miller. For more than 35 years at Herman Miller, Hilda Longinotti has spanned many industry firsts and has been intimately involved with product designers, interior designers, and the important leaders who have shaped the way we create interiors today. An Industry Member of IIDA, Ms. Longinotti’s commitment to promoting interior design has spanned from the New York design community to a national level.

The IIDA Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes outstanding contributions to IIDA or the design community by an IIDA Professional Member. David Hanson, IIDA, FIDIBC, IDC, RID, was honored with the Distinguished Leadership Award. David’s continuous involvement and contribution to his profession have brought him recognition across North America. After serving for more than 12 years on the boards of the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia, the Interior Designers of Canada, and the Washington DC-based National Council for Interior Design Qualification, David is currently serving his second term on the IIDA Board of Directors as Vice President of Professional Development. In 2008, David was honored with the IIDA Presidential Commendation Award for his service to the Association. He is the recent recipient of the Interior Designer’s of Canada Presidential Citation Award for his extensive contribution and participation. His contribution to the design community also includes teaching Interior Design students at Kwantlen University College.

Kendall P. Wilson, FIIDA, FAIA, was also the recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award. Ken Wilson is one of the nation’s leading designers specializing in sustainable interiors. His national design work has established the paradigm for interior design combining environmental responsibility and human well-being with beauty and function. Ken emerged as a leader in the field of sustainable design after completing the award winning Greenpeace USA Headquarters in 2000, a project widely hailed as one of the forerunner projects of the green interiors movement. Ken Wilson’s most significant work in the past ten years has focused on the design of sustainable interiors. His high profile projects include the award-winning headquarters for the IIDA, the
headquarters for the Recording Industry Association of America, and most recently, the new headquarters for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in Washington, DC.

The IIDA Titan Award recognizes outstanding service to the Association by an IIDA Corporate Member, media partner or company or individual from a design-related profession. This year's award is presented to Haworth, Inc., a global leader in the design and manufacturer of office furniture and organic workspaces, including raised access floors, moveable walls, systems furniture, seating, storage and wood case goods. Innovation and flexibility have been Haworth cornerstones.

Founded by G.W. Haworth in 1948 as Modern Products, a family-owned and privately held company, Haworth is headquartered in Holland, Michigan. The company name was changed in 1976, with the introduction of the world's first pre-wired modular panel. That year, Dick Haworth also became president and CEO. Business remained centered around office furniture systems until the early 1980s, when office seating was added to Haworth's product offering. Since then, the company has continued to move toward complete workspace solutions and now serves markets in more than 120 countries through a global network of 600 dealers.

Haworth, Inc, an IIDA Corporate Member, xx insert language from Ann. Mtg. script about their dedication/service to IIDA.

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The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) works to enhance quality of life through excellence in interior design and to advance interior design through knowledge, value and community.

IIDA is a professional networking and educational association of 12,000 Members in ten specialty Forums in 29 Chapters around the world. Additional information is available on IIDA’s website www.iida.org.