

9 to 5 Seating Hawthorne Facility LEED Gold Certified

HAWTHORNE, CA, June 2013— The 9 to 5 Seating facility in Hawthorne, California, has been awarded the prestigious LEED® Gold for green buildings. This 100,000 square foot building houses the company's corporate offices, product showroom, manufacturing plant and warehouse.

The LEED rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

"Even before the first sketches for this facility were drawn, we had made the decision for an exemplary building with cutting edge technology for sustainable operation," said Dara Mir, president, 9 to 5 Seating. "Being in a LEED Gold certified facility shows our environmental commitment in practice." Design services were provided by Ware Malcomb's Irvine, California, office.

9 to 5 Seating achieved LEED certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

"Buildings are a prime example of how human systems integrate with natural systems," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chair, USGBC. "The 9 to 5 Seating project efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future generations."

Among the sustainable technologies at work in the 9 to 5 Seating Hawthorne facility are rooftop-mounted photovoltaic cells. Since they began generating electricity in July of 2011, these cells have generated more electricity than the building has used. Specifically, they have:

- generated electricity required to light 2,032 60-watt bulbs for 1 year of 8 hours daily usage
- offset carbon dioxide equal to 6,408 trees
- prevented the emissions equivalent of 255 tons of carbon dioxide
- created energy savings equal to 28,839 gallons of gasoline

About 9 to 5 Seating

Founded in 1982, 9 to 5 Seating is a privately owned, vertically-integrated company based in Southern California specializing in the design and production of ergonomic office seating for the contract marketplace. 9 to 5 Seating utilizes state-of-the-art systems for manufacturing. The complete 9 to 5 Seating product line spans office, healthcare, hospitality and education applications, all with lifetime warranty and GreenGuard certification. Customers recommend 9 to 5 Seating because of high value, consistent quality and reliably quick shipping. Visit 9 to 5 Seating online at www.9to5seating.com for more information about the company and its products.

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