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Englewood Construction Announces Six Chicago-area Projects, Including New Zealand Jewelry Retailer Michael Hill and Pei Wei Asian Diner

CHICAGO (September 9, 2010) – Englewood Construction (www.EnglewoodConstruction.com), a national commercial construction general contractor, continues to increase its Chicago-area work with the announcement of six new projects, including a five-store build-out for New Zealand-based jeweler, Michael Hill and a new Pei Wei Asian Diner in Willowbrook, Ill.

Averaging 1,000 square feet, the five new Michael Hill stores will occupy space formerly leased to Whitehall Jewelers and Lundstrom Jeweler stores.

“Like some of the other retail construction we worked on recently, Michael Hill is looking to distinguish itself by raising the bar on design,” said Bill Di Santo, president of Schiller Park, Ill.-based Englewood Construction. “The stores will feature clean and modern lines with dark millwork and flooring accented by horizontal lines of jewelry cases that pop with strategic lighting. It’s taking the mall jewelry store concept to a sophisticated new level.”

The five new Michael Hill stores will be located in Chicago suburbs, including Bloomingdale, Niles, Norridge, Schaumburg and Vernon Hills. Work for the multi-store project has already begun and is slated for completion in mid-September. Serving as architect for all five stores was Norman, Okla.-based The McKinney Partnership.

With the addition of these new locations, Michael Hill will offer 9 stores in the Chicago area.

In September, Englewood Construction will also begin work on a new Pei Wei Asian Diner in Willowbrook Town Center. Owned by Arizona-based restaurant chain P.F. Chang’s China Bistro, Inc., Pei Wei Asian Diner is a quick-casual restaurant chain that serves contemporary pan-Asian cuisine. The 3,201-square-foot Willowbrook, Ill., location will be the third Pei Wei for the Chicago market.

With indoor seating for 60 and outdoor patio seating for 30, Pei Wei will join other dining options at the shopping center, such as Panera, Portillo’s and Chipotle. Englewood will complete construction on the Pei Wei Willowbrook location in December.

The introduction of three Pei Weis to the Chicago market is indicative of the steady growth within the last year of the fast-casual dining segment, which fills the gap between fast-food and casual dining.

The Willowbrook Pei Wei restaurant was designed by Aria Group Architects, Inc., out of Oak Park, Ill.

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