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Zara Taps Englewood Construction for Michigan Avenue Store
Construction commences on 700 N. Michigan Ave. location

CHICAGO – Schiller Park, Ill.-based Englewood Construction has begun construction on a new Zara flagship store at 700 N. Michigan Avenue in Chicago. This marks the third pairing of Spanish retailer Zara with Englewood Construction. In November 2008, Englewood completed Zara's first store in the Midwest at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie, Ill. as well as a Zara in Peabody, Mass.

"Zara is one of the fastest-growing retail brands in the world, so it's been very exciting teaming up with them as they expand their presence in the United States," said Bill Di Santo, president of Englewood Construction. "To keep its momentum, Zara is aligning itself with partners like us. Since they have the same key points of contact on every job with us – there's no learning curve involved and it's a much smoother process."

A build-out of the former Talbots space within the eight-story Chicago Place building, the 33,838-square-foot Zara will be accessible from Michigan Avenue and occupy three floors – street level, mezzanine and the second floor. The space will have its own elevator and escalators and feature a glass storefront along Michigan Avenue and Huron Street.

According to Bill Di Santo, president of Englewood Construction, work will be completed on Zara this October.

"Zara will be an excellent addition to one of the world's iconic shopping avenues," said Di Santo. "From a construction perspective, the store offers a very clean, sophisticated interior with modern finishes that lends itself well to the international clientele of Michigan Avenue."

This is Englewood Construction's second Michigan Avenue retail build-out in the past six months. In November 2008, Englewood completed work on the country's largest American Girl Place store at Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Ave.

"While retailers as a whole are facing a challenging market, brands like American Girl and Zara continue to do well because they offer buyers a unique shopping experience – from the design of the store to the merchandise," said Di Santo.

Serving as architect on Zara's Michigan Avenue store is Montreal-based AEdifica, Inc. Englewood Construction and AEdifica also worked together on Zara's Old Orchard location as well as the Peabody, Mass. store.

About Englewood Construction:

Englewood Construction, Inc. is a commercial general contractor specializing in the construction of retail, restaurant, shopping center, hotel and office / industrial projects throughout the United States. The firm's scope of work includes all aspects of commercial construction, including pre-construction services, general contracting and construction management. Established in 2001, Englewood Construction's executive team has more than 30 years of commercial construction experience, including executive positions with R.A.S. Builders and Capitol Construction. Since its founding, Englewood Construction has managed over 500 projects worth more than \$250 million. In 2008, the firm oversaw projects in 22 different states. Englewood Construction's national qualified subcontractor base exceeds 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information, visit www.engagewoodconstruction.com

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Photo Caption: In November 2008, Englewood Construction completed the Midwest's first Zara at Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie, Ill. (exterior and interior pictured above).

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