

THE PCF GROUP PROVIDES CUSTOM LYKEWOOD INTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL ACCENTS FOR MUSEUM AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

SAN DIEGO — April 5, 2004 — The PCF Group (PCF) has provided the LykeWood interior architectural details for the renovation of the Museum at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, according to Scott J. Buckley, vice president of marketing for PCF, San Diego's largest supplier and installer of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam architectural shapes and accents.

The PCF Group custom manufactured the faux timber beams, which included cross timbers and the in-fill 1x4s installed between the cross beams used to clad all the hallway ceilings throughout the museum. PCF worked closely with Texas Tech University's Physical Plant, which is a service organization responsible for the construction, renovation, maintenance and repair of the university's buildings and facilities. Laura Bennett, Assoc. AIA, was the design architect.

The Museum is an educational, scientific, cultural and research element of Texas Tech University featuring collections in the arts, humanities and the sciences numbering nearly two million objects. It consists of several components, including the main Museum building, the Moody Planetarium, the Natural Science Research Laboratory, the research and educational elements of the Lubbock Lake Landmark, and the Val Verde County research site. The American Association of Museums first accredited the Museum of Texas Tech University in 1990. It has received continuing accreditation since 1998.

Approached by the building community to save on material and labor costs of wood beams in residential and commercial projects, PCF developed its innovative "LykeWood" Series, which is a simulated wood graining over hard-shell coated foam shapes. LykeWood's wood graining for interior and exterior applications is available in a variety of textures — smooth, light and heavy graining. Available styles in the timber look are standard grain, rustic and weathered rustic. The PCF Group also offers southwest style Vegas and Peeler Logs. Instead of real wood beams being tied into the wall and ceiling structure, the faux timber is adhesively applied to the surface in the finish stage. The product has allowed designers and architects to become more creative in their designs due to the versatile computer cutting capabilities employed by PCF when manufacturing the faux timber beams.

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