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## Stonhard Brings Hygienic Drain Solution to Food & Beverage Facilities with Partner, Blücher

**November 8, 2018** —Stonhard, the world leader in manufacturing and installing seamless, resinous floor, wall, and lining systems, is pleased to announce its partnership with Blücher, a world-leading producer of stainless steel, sanitary drainage systems.

Stonhard's decision to partner with Blücher resulted from a desire to offer the most complete, hygienic solutions to its food and beverage clients. "When we were called in to solve food safety issues for several high-profile clients, we noticed Blücher drains were being utilized to eliminate bacterial contamination," said Scott Garstka, Manager – Global Accounts, Stonhard.

Blücher's all-stainless steel drainage systems ensure excellent flow capacity and optimum hygiene along with minimum maintenance. The only HACCP-certified drain on the market, Blücher HygienicPro® drains stand up to high-temperature disinfecting and are chemical resistant. Stonhard's seamless, chemical, stain and impact-resistant floors can be pitched for better flow to drains. HygienicPro® drains and channels have been test-verified for capability with Stonhard seamless flooring systems. The floor and drain hygienic solutions are not only compatible, but each increases the lifespan of the other, a perfect marriage of the two products.

"Failures in building design can lead to hidden places for harmful bacteria, such as listeria, to grow and cause product contamination. The effects of contamination can be disastrous for food and beverage processors – from product recalls, to revenue loss, brand damage and in worst cases, human illness or death. Stonhard and Blücher are working together to provide the best technology and design to eliminate these potential issues," said John Walsh, Vice President, Business Development, Stonhard.

*Stonhard carries HACCP International Certification on floor systems for the food & beverage industry. For nearly a century, Stonhard has been the leader in formulating unique flooring solutions for industrial and commercial environments. Stonhard offers a single-source warranty on both products and installation. For more information on Blücher Hygienic Pro® drains and Stonhard's complete line of seamless, high-performance floor systems, visit [www.stonhard.com](http://www.stonhard.com) or call 800.257.7953. Ask about our Total Hygienic Solution.*

