



## **Decorative Lead-free Colors for "Robax"**

SCHOTT offers new design options for fireplace viewing panels

Mainz (Germany) / Verona (Italy) February 10, 2010 — SCHOTT, the manufacturer of the glass-ceramic "Robax", will be introducing new decorative colors for fireplace viewing panels at the international fireplace trade fair Progetto Fuoco in Verona. In addition to the established colors "polar white" and "amber gold", the international technology group will now be offering the color shades "tin grey", "volcano grey", "pure black", "mystic black" and "autumn red". All of these shades from SCHOTT are lead-free.

In order to support manufacturers of decorative "heating furniture" with additional design options, SCHOTT has developed new color shades for its transparent glass-ceramic "Robax". The five new shades can be used to decorate the smooth surface of the fireplace viewing panels and are extremely temperature and abrasion-resistant.

"Colorful printed designs allow us to stand out from the rest," explains Isabel Eymael, Marketing Manager for "Robax" at SCHOTT in Mainz. "This gives brand-name products an unmistakable color and design character. They can be distinguished more easily from standard products and be tailored to suit the tastes of specific target audiences," she adds.

"Robax Ambience" also offers a broad range of different design options. This body tinted glass-ceramic for use in fireplace and stove exteriors is available in the three basic shades black, dark gray and white. In addition, "Robax Ambience" can be decorated with more than 15 different colors that are also lead-free, of course.

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"We analyze current and future environmental legislation and requirements, then we assess how to execute them and evaluate whether or not they can be realized from a technological and materials science perspective," explains Dr. Jochen Alkemper, the head of the project at SCHOTT. The goal is to develop ways of presenting "green" products and innovative solutions that even exceed the legal requirements.

For further information: www.schott.com/robax

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Photo no. 22994: Lead-free decorative colors for "Robax": By expanding its color range, SCHOTT now offers its "Robax" glass-ceramic in more colors for stoves and fireplaces.



Photo no. 22893: There are no limits to the power of imagination: SCHOTT offers a wide variety of different colorful designs for its "Robax" fireplace viewing panel that allow for a broader spectrum of printing with respect to frames and logos. In addition, "Robax" is available in round bent as well as single and double angled bent versions.

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