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## Mohawk Award for Social Good Design announced in conjunction with 2015 RGD Design Competition

Deadline for entries is June 22, 2015

[Cohoes, NY – June 2, 2015] Mohawk announces a call for entries for the first Mohawk Award for Social Good Design, developed in conjunction with the Association of Registered Graphic Designers to celebrate the graphic communication industry's ability to make a difference in the world through design.

The Mohawk Award for Social Good Design is intended to highlight eco design strategies, allowing the medium to match the message of responsibility. The competition is held in conjunction with the 2015 So Good Design Awards, created by RGD, a Canadian-based non-profit professional association that promotes design industry knowledge, sharing, continuous learning, research, advocacy and mentorship.

In order to qualify for the Mohawk Award for Social Good Design, design projects must be printed on one of the following Mohawk paper grades: <u>Strathmore</u>, <u>Superfine</u>, <u>Options</u> + Navajo, Loop, Carnival and Via.

Entries will be judged for their contributions to sustainability, with consideration given to technique, process, and materials designed to reduce environmental, social or economic costs of print communication.

Competition judges include some of Canada's leading design professionals: Tina Mackenzie RGD, Manager, Creative Services, <u>City of Mississauga</u>, Mississauga Richard Carmichael, VP Creative, Marketing & Communications, <u>Zerofootprint</u>, Toronto Claude Auchu, Partner, Creative Director and VP of Design, <u>1g2 boutique</u>, Montreal

One winner will receive two free conference passes to the RGD 2015 <u>DesignThinkers</u> <u>Conference</u> in Toronto, November 12 & 13, 2015. Promotional value of prize is approximately \$1,200. Travel is not included.

The deadline for final entries is June 22, 2015. The award is open to designers worldwide. Eligibility requirements and additional details are available at <a href="http://www.rgd.ca/sogood">http://www.rgd.ca/sogood</a>.

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Mohawk is North America's largest privately-owned manufacturer of fine papers and envelopes which are preferred for commercial and digital printing, photo specialties and high-end direct mail. Mohawk fine papers and envelopes include the signature brands Mohawk Superfine® and Strathmore®, as well as proprietary treatments Inxwell® and i-Tone®. With a culture of innovation, Mohawk's business model now extends beyond paper manufacturing into new areas of growth, including digital substrates and web-based software platforms, which connect designers and printers to new markets.

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