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**“Green” Weekend Getaway Features Follansbee® TCS II®**  
*Ohio Architect Chooses Metal Roof for Private Cabin*

**FOLLANSBEE, WV...**When selecting a roofing material for his eco-friendly cabin, architect Paul Muller had one main aesthetic requirement: a modern metal roofing product with an antiquated appearance. As a contemporary metal roofing material with traditional visual appeal and unparalleled durability, Follansbee’s second generation terne-coated stainless steel, TCS II®, easily met the architect’s criteria.

A total of 1,600 square feet of TCS II tops the roof of Muller’s weekend getaway cabin, located in southeastern Indiana near the town of Metamora. TCS II is armored with Follansbee’s patented ZT® Alloy, an electrochemically bonded coating of zinc and tin applied uniformly to both sides of Type 304 stainless steel. ZT Alloy ensures that a Follansbee roof will last many times longer than an ordinary steel roof, even in harsh environments. To date, TCS II has surpassed 26,000 hours of ASTM salt spray testing with no signs of red rust.

In addition to its durability and longevity, Follansbee TCS II contributes to the eco-friendly aspects of the rustic residence, which was built entirely from recycled building materials. Follansbee roofing materials are produced from metals containing a high percentage of recycled content, and are 100% recyclable at the end of their long lifecycle.

“Follansbee metal roofing remains an excellent choice for sustainable building projects,” explains Edward Thomas, Follansbee vice president and general manager. “The longevity of a metal roof ensures that a roof replacement is 50, 80 or even 100 years away. Additionally, Follansbee metal roofs offer added energy saving and ‘cool roof’ benefits.”

The majority of the green building materials used to construct the cabin were distributed from Building Value, a Cincinnati nonprofit re-use center that salvages quality building materials otherwise meant for the landfill and resells them in a public retail center. For example, the cabin’s large hanging light fixture and bathtub were obtained from Building Value as were the doors, doorknobs and many other parts of the cabin.

“As both an architect and a homeowner, I was familiar with the look and benefits a metal roof provides,” explains Muller, owner of Cincinnati, Ohio-based Muller Architects, Inc. “The cabin is a balanced fusion of rustic simplicity with abstract modern form. Although it is made of logs, they are squared and make a clean box-like shape. Follansbee TCS II accomplished my aesthetic and green objectives even better than I expected. It was the only roofing product with the qualities I was looking for to complete this design.”

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## **Follansbee/Muller Cabin – Plus One – Contact: Lauren Ban 412-571-1600**

One of the most striking features of TCS II is the soft looking, protective patina that develops after natural exposure to the elements. Never degraded by heat or UV light, the metal does not require painting. TCS II is oxygen reactive, so the patina forms by exposure to the air.

“The dull gray color changes slightly with the light and the seasons,” continues Muller. “It has developed a wonderful patina that adds to a sense of weight.”

Design decisions were made in typical give-and-take fashion with Muller’s wife, Teresa Schnorr, and his brother, John Muller, co-owners of the cabin.

“Together, we shared the goal of keeping an authentic character by making the cabin fit into an 80-acre wilderness retreat without feeling so contemporary,” explains Muller. “The choice of roofing material was easy and unanimous.”

With Follansbee’s collaboration, he successfully met this challenge.

TCS II can be installed on industrial, commercial, institutional and residential structures and is often specified for both new construction and historic renovations because of its classic, traditional look.

“Architects continue to specify TCS II, even for personal projects like this one,” explains Thomas. “The unique combination of aesthetics, durability and longevity TCS II and other Follansbee metal roofing products offer simply cannot be duplicated by other roofing materials.”

Building Value is managed by Easter Seals Work Resource Center, a Cincinnati-based nonprofit organization that empowers people with disabilities and disadvantages to increase their independence through employment.

Muller Architects, Inc. strives to create solutions that respond to the context into which they are placed and express the character of the project in an innovative manner. For more information call (513) 961-1616 or visit [www.mullerarchitects.com](http://www.mullerarchitects.com).

Follansbee offers a wide range of metal roofing products for commercial and residential construction including Terne II®, KlassicKolors®, TCS II and TCS Satin™. Founded in the early 1800s, the Follansbee, WV, company has been manufacturing in its current location for more than 100 years. Modern alloys developed and patented by Follansbee have taken the original tin roof to new heights of performance and longevity. For more information call 1-800-624-6906 or visit [www.follansbeeroofing.com](http://www.follansbeeroofing.com).

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