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## Hakatai Glass Mural for Detroit Zoo’s Arctic Ring of Life



**For Immediate Release:** Hakatai’s innovative glass mosaic mural program was utilized by the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Michigan, to help celebrate its award-winning “Arctic Ring of Life” habitat, named one of the top zoo exhibits in the United States by The Intrepid Traveler’s guide to “America’s Best Zoos.” Hakatai supplied a glass

mosaic mural in the precise likeness of the Zoo’s Arctic Ring of Life logo, polar bear included, which was installed in the Arctic food court adjacent to the exhibit.

Krieger Associates, a full service architecture and design firm, recommended Hakatai and its glass mosaic mural program to Robert Harris, general manager of Service Systems Associates, the food service contractor for the Detroit Zoo. Harris submitted an electronic copy of the logo to Hakatai’s team of experienced designers and mosaic artists, who were able to reproduce a stunning simulation including the various textures, colors and exact details of the logo. The simple-cut, 4’ x 6.5’ mural was delivered in numbered sheets for a quick and easy installation. Hakatai features hundreds of different colors, styles and finishes of glass mosaic tiles in their mural program, and can turn any drawing, CAD file, picture or original artwork into a custom-designed mosaic mural work of art.



“It’s been a great experience working with Hakatai,” Harris said. “The customer service was exceptional, especially when we needed support during the installation. The project was completed on time and priced as promised.”

Detroit Zoo’s Arctic Ring of Life is a \$14.9 million interactive facility encompassing over four acres of indoor and outdoor exhibits. The most spectacular feature of the habitat is the 70-foot long Frederick and Barbara Erb Polar Passage. This clear tunnel winds through a vast underwater environment where guests will encounter diving and swimming polar bears and seals. The Detroit Zoo has been a leader in the exhibition and breeding of polar bears since the opening of its first

polar bear exhibit in 1928 and the Arctic Ring of Life is now the largest polar bear exhibit in North America.

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