Romancing the Stone

MSI becomes the largest distributor of natural stone nationwide

Mammoth - is not an overstatement when describing the newly inaugurated Natural Stone Super Center of MSI International in Orange California. Spread over 13 acres, the facility has over 1,000 products with more than 15 million sq ft of inventory. The large distribution capabilities include 4 cranes for slab distribution and 30 loading areas. Though starting off as a supplier of stone from India, MSI today imports stone from 25 countries in the world, among them the top 5 stone producers - India, China, Turkey, Spain and Italy. India is the largest supplier of slate for outdoor and indoor use and the third largest supplier of stone to the US.

You name it and they have it. Granite, slate, marble, quartzite, sandstone, limestone, travertine, adobe, onyx can be found in abundance at the stone center. The colors and textures are exhilarating.

Founders Manu and Rika Shah have come a long way, since they opened in the small town of Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1975. In fact it was Rika who worked at the busi-