Scope and Scale of Design

Maximize economies of scale
- Large vs. small qty of stone ~5,000 sf is more efficiently produced than 500 sf
- The relative impact to ship 5,000 sf is less than that of 500 sf

Understand the stone and how it affects the design intent
- Size and Thickness – why use 3cm if 2cm will suffice – leads to lighter structure and lower shipping impacts

Material Use and Yield
- Engage materials suppliers prior to developing specifications
- Maximize yield by predetermining block sizes, slab sizes
- Use material excess for other project applications
- Be realistic with aesthetic expectations when selecting stone

Consider the Life Cycle of the Project
- Carpet on a 75 year lobby floor does not stack up against stone
- P-lam countertops in apartments will have to replaced eventually

Utilize Local and/or Reclaimed Materials
- Use quarries within proximity of the project where possible
- Use reclaimed material when possible

Promote Sustainable Practices
- Work with suppliers that utilize green and sustainable practices
- Emphasize ingredient transparency
- Do your Homework – understand what you are specifying