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Legendary Inc.'s Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village high-rise project overlooking the entrance to Destin's harbor is one of the largest construction undertakings ever in this region. Here's a glimpse of some of the work that has gone into it:

- Emerald Grande's structure is the result of 1,700 auger cast piles, each

installed 70 feet deep. Adding the total depth of the piles, that's about 22.5 miles.

- More than 50,000 tons of concrete has been used in the construction of Emerald Grande. One ton is equivalent to 2,000 pounds, so that comes to 100 million pounds of concrete. An average elephant weighs six tons, or 12,000 pounds. Converting concrete to pachyderm, that equals about 8,333 elephants.

- More than 15,400 gal-

lons of paint are being used. In general, one can expect one gallon of paint to cover about 350 square feet. The gallons of paint used on the interior and exterior of Emerald Grande would cover about 5,390,000 square feet. Acreage of the paint, based on the fact that there are 43,560 square feet in an acre, would be about 1,239 acres. To put it in perspective, that much paint could easily cover all of Manhattan's Central Park (843 acres) with 396 acres left over for touch-ups.

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- Wrapped and intertwined throughout Emerald Grande is more than 518 miles of wiring, enough to stretch from Destin to

Nashville.

With 14,936 lights on the project, that's more than ample wattage to guide the trip there.

- With 360-degree views of the Emerald Coast, windows play a main role. Emerald Grande contains more than 103,000 square feet of hurricane-rated impact glass.

That is enough glass to cover two football fields, including the end zones.

- A few more numbers: 375,000 feet of joint tape; 125,000 pounds of joint compound; 47,000 square feet of balcony area; and 10,400 square feet of brick pavers at the pool deck.

Emerald Grande is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2007.