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ELKAY® PRESSURE WATER COOLER SUPPORTS LEED® CREDIT EARNINGS
New GreenSpec® Listed VRCGRN Water Cooler Offers Green Drinking Water Solution

OAK BROOK, IL – October 2008 – Elkay Commercial continues to lead the industry in unparalleled product innovation with the introduction of the VRCGRN pressurized water cooler. As the first *GreenSpec* listed addition to its family of innovative drinking water solutions, Elkay's VRCGRN water cooler, with its enhanced efficiency and water conscious functionality, has been identified as a water cooler that can assist builders and architects in achieving credits based on LEED rating systems.

"As a major manufacturer of pressure water coolers and with the environment as a driving force in our product development, Elkay has dedicated an abundance of time and resources to engineer a water cooler that provides a drinking water solution that satisfies the needs of the end-users, while also minimizing its global impact," states Jack Krecek, vice president and general manager, Elkay Commercial Business Unit.

Elkay Proves Efficient and Water Conscious

Equipped with a completely redesigned refrigeration system, the VRCGRN model utilizes a greater efficiency compressor, optimizes heat transfer within the evaporator and uses a reduced amount of refrigerant. When tested to CSA Standard C-815 "Energy-Performance of Drinking-Water Coolers" requirements in a UL recognized test lab, results indicated that the VRCGRN realized a 50 percent improvement in energy efficiency over comparable water cooler models in the industry.

By incorporating a lower flow bubbler, Elkay's VRCGRN unit provides a thirst-quenching stream of drinking water that consumes 40 percent less water than comparable coolers. With the

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addition of the optional 1500 gallon, NSF/ANSI 42- and 53-certified WaterSentry® filtration system and glass filler, the VRCGRN equates to saving 12,000, 16-ounce plastic bottles per filter, helping to alleviate the financial and environmental impact associated with bottled water while delivering a clean, green alternative. Specifying the VRCGRN water cooler unit and including the optional filter/filler accessory package enables end users to confidently enjoy a healthy, crisp, clean drink at a water cooler rather than adding to the landfills full of plastic, discarded bottles.

In addition to the efficient, water saving engineering, the extremely durable VRCGRN unit is ideal for education, healthcare, office, hotels or other public facilities. Constructed of 60 percent recycled content stainless steel and manufactured without using VOC-emitting paints/coatings, the VRCGRN water cooler is a top-rated drinking water solution for engineers and architects to specify, plumbers to install and end-users to enjoy.

"Receiving *GreenSpec* listing on the VRCGRN is just the beginning; we are committed to working diligently to add even more high-performance products to the *GreenSpec Directory* that can benefit plumbing professionals and specifiers in the ever-growing, ever-changing marketplace," continues Krecek.

For more than 88 years, Elkay has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks and faucets for residential and commercial use. Elkay expanded its commercial offerings more than 36 years ago to include efficient water coolers and drinking fountains. Elkay, which is ranked 40th in *Crain's Chicago Business* list of Chicago's Largest Privately-Held Companies, has more than 5,000 employees in facilities across the United States and select international markets. In 2006 and 2007, Elkay was honored as a Merit Award winner in *Interior Design* magazine's "Best of the Year" Awards for The Mystic® and Avado® sink designs. Elkay is also a member of key industry associations including the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, Elkay is also the parent company of E.B. Tecnica Mexicana®, Phylrich® International and Elkay Zhuhai. Elkay is America's number one selling

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stainless steel sink company. The Elkay Manufacturing Cabinetry Division is the fourth largest cabinet manufacturer in the U.S. with its Yorktowne[®] Cabinetry, Medallion[®] Cabinetry and Mastercraft[®] Cabinets holdings.

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