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**ELKAY® SINK HONORED IN 2007 "BEST OF THE YEAR" AWARDS
BY *INTERIOR DESIGN* MAGAZINE**

OAK BROOK, IL – December 2007 – Elkay's Plumbing Products Division was the recipient of a Merit Award at *Interior Design* magazine's 2007 "Best of the Year" awards ceremony. The Mystic® river sink with Antique Copper Hammered finish (ECU5014ACH) from Elkay was honored in the "Kitchen: Plumbing Fixtures" category. The second annual awards ceremony, held at New York's Time Center, was attended by more than 700 members of the international A&D community, including Ann Rottinghaus, Elkay's marketing communications manager, who accepted the Merit Award on behalf of Elkay.

This was *Interior Design* magazine's second "Best of the Year" awards, which were divided into 19 project categories and 37 product categories and voted on by editor-in-chief Cindy Allen and a panel of judges. After narrowing the 930 product entries down to 224 finalists, the product category winners were determined based on a popular online vote of industry professionals.

Elkay's new Antique Copper Hammered Mystic River Sink has a hand-crafted finish that adds a luxurious style to any kitchen. This sink's finish will patina over time, creating an increasingly richer and darker toned appearance. The gentle curvature of the Mystic, along with the Antique Copper Hammered finish, gives this sink its one-of-a-kind contemporary style.

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"It is an honor to be named a Merit Award winner among so many inspiring designs. Elkay is already looking forward to next year's 'Best of Year' Awards competition and planning to submit even more innovative and imaginative products that meet homeowners' kitchen and bath needs," notes Rottinghaus.

For more than 87 years, Elkay has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks, water coolers, drinking fountains and faucets for residential and commercial use. 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.

Headquartered in Oak Brook, IL, Elkay is also the parent company of E.B. Tecnica Mexicana[®], Phylrich[®] International, Elkay Zhuhai, as well as Yorktowne[®] Cabinetry, Medallion[®] Cabinetry and MasterCraft[®] Cabinetry. The Elkay Manufacturing Cabinetry Division is the fourth largest cabinet manufacturer in the U.S.

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