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## **ELKAY® SINKS WIN BIG IN 2008 ADEX AWARDS**

*Four Award-winning Mystic Sinks Recognized for Design Excellence*

OAK BROOK, IL – April 2008 – Continuing to stir up excitement among designers and homeowners with styles to complement an array of decors, Elkay sinks once again achieve top recognition from professionals in the design industry. Most recently, four Elkay sinks were selected in the 2008 *Design Journal* Award for Design Excellence (ADEX) Competition for the Platinum, Gold and Silver honors. The ADEX Awards are the largest and most prestigious awards program for product design of furniture, fixtures and finishes marketed to the design trade.

The Mystic® sink with an Antique Copper Hammered finish (ECU5014ACH) merited a Platinum Award, the highest honor in the competition. This river-shaped sink, made from 100 percent recycled copper, adds an element of luxury to any kitchen. The Mystic River, which functions as both an entertainment sink and a conversation piece, features a finish that will patina to an increasingly richer and darker toned appearance over time.

Elkay's two Gold Award winners in this year's competition are the Mystic Shelf sink (MYSTIC3021BG) and the Mystic Wave sink (MYSTIC2920). Featuring a removable stainless steel work surface shelf, the Mystic Shelf's innovative and original design allows homeowners to enjoy the aesthetic of a large single bowl style, while the removable shelf enhances the sink's

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functionality by providing an additional work surface. The Mystic “wave-shaped” sink creates a distinctive style, yet maintains a functional work space in the kitchen. Designed to serve as the primary kitchen sink, the Mystic Wave features a gentle curvature inspired by the rolling waves of the ocean.

The winner of a Silver ADEX Award, the Mystic Puddle sink (MYSTIC211435CB) provides an entertainment or food prep sink solution for homeowners searching for a curvy, organic shaped sink for their homes. This undermount sink’s contemporary shape and softened geometry are showcased when a faucet is placed opposite the drain, providing the homeowner with an interactive experience as the water flows gently down the curvature of the sink.

Elkay’s The Mystic collection features models with Lustrous Satin stainless steel and Antique Copper Hammered finishes. All sinks in the family are constructed from thick, durable stainless steel or recycled copper.

*Design Journal*, the international trade publication for interior designers, architects and facility managers is the proud sponsor of the ADEX Awards. The 2008 ADEX Awards Competition had more than 300 companies entering more than 1,200 products. Each category has potential for three award levels of platinum, gold or silver. In 2007, Elkay’s Avado™ Integrated Work Surface sink was awarded the Platinum ADEX.

For more than 88 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*

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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<sup>®</sup> and Avado<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>, Phylrich<sup>®</sup> International and Elkay Zhuhai. Elkay is America's number one selling stainless steel sink company. The Elkay Manufacturing Cabinetry Division is the fourth largest cabinet manufacturer in the U.S. with its Yorktowne<sup>®</sup> Cabinetry, Medallion<sup>®</sup> Cabinetry and Mastercraft<sup>®</sup> Cabinets holdings.

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