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ELKAY® STAINLESS STEEL CUSTOM COUNTERTOPS BUILD UPON IMAGINATION TO CREATE ONE-OF-KIND PERFECTION

OAK BROOK, IL – April 2008 – Throughout the past 88 years, Elkay has become America's number one selling stainless steel sink company. Combining beauty, functionality and durability, Elkay creates one-of-a-kind countertops with integrated sinks and faucets that are as distinctive as their owners.

With their endless range of stainless steel custom countertops, Elkay allows homeowners to design with limitless options. Within Elkay's eight sink families, any model made from 18 gauge or thicker steel can be integrated into a stainless steel top in order to meet a homeowner's individual cooking, cleaning and preparation needs, as well as achieve his/her vision. In addition, Elkay can create custom countertops with type 316 stainless steel, which is ideal for outdoor or utility applications as it is more resistant to chlorides, salt air and other harsh elements such as changing climates.

Popular design sites such as stainlessliving.com note that stainless steel is increasing in popularity for in-home design. They note that stainless steel is an ideal material for countertops because it provides a hygienic surface for food preparation; it's unique surface has no pores or cracks in which to harbor dirt or bacteria, and it's extremely easy to clean. Additionally, it looks beautiful and

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requires minimal care. The attractive stainless surface reflects light, giving a brighter look to any room. They also note that with proper care, a stainless steel surface has a life expectancy of more than 100 years, and it is completely recyclable.

Elkay's custom countertops provide a smooth, seamless appearance with a choice of Lustrous Satin or Custom Matte finishes. The durable, thick stainless steel and specialized hand-polished finishes provide lasting beauty, while the insulation applied to the underside of the surface minimizes sound.

Elkay inspires homeowners to be imaginative when building or remodeling their homes, as Elkay can create countertops that are up to 72 inches in width and come with a variety of custom options ranging from radius corners to bull nose edge treatments. Also, with Elkay's wide variety of coordinating accessories and faucets, homeowners can easily customize every detail. Elkay's continuing goal is to provide homeowners with all of the stylish, innovative products they need to complete their vision. With a homeowner's imagination and Elkay, anything is possible.

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* 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

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"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 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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