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## Silestone® Launches New Integrated Natural Quartz Sinks

Integrated Sinks Offer Seamless Appeal for Kitchens and Baths

HOUSTON, Texas – (April 11, 2008) – Silestone by Cosentino<sup>®</sup> launches its exclusive new line of integrated natural quartz sinks to accompany Silestone countertops. Available in 32 select colors, Silestone sinks contain the fundamental strength and durability of Silestone quartz countertops, including its natural scratch-, scorch- and stain- resistance and Microban<sup>®</sup> antimicrobial protection.

"Silestone integrated sinks offer consumers seamless design and function from counter to sink," says Roberto Contreras, Jr., chief executive officer, Cosentino North America. "They provide exceptional design options with the unrivaled dependability of low-maintenance Silestone natural quartz. The kitchen sink is one of the dirtiest items of a home and our exclusive Microban protection prohibits bacteria growth."

The quartz in Silestone countertops and integrated sinks provides the strength to withstand daily kitchen and bathroom use. Quartz rates seven on the Mohs Hardness Scale, rivaled only by the strength of topaz, sapphire and diamond. Utilizing Aquartz advanced patented production processes, Silestone sinks are naturally non-porous, never need to be sealed and do not require ongoing maintenance.

Silestone integrated sinks are offered in popular colors, including the five new, bright colors of the Life Series, including "Green Fun," vivid key lime green; "Red Vital," bright cherry red; "Orange Cool," pastel orange; "Yellow Dream," butterscotch yellow and "Blue Enjoy," deep indigo.

The Silestone integrated sinks are available in 14 applications, including seven integrated under-mount sink options and seven flush under-mounted sink options.

Protected by Microban, Silestone is the only quartz surface that inhibits the growth of microbes such as odor-causing bacteria, mold and mildew with antimicrobial product protection. Backed by a 15-year warranty, only Silestone offers the unique combination of built-in Microban, as well as certification from the National Sanitation Foundation and GREENGUARD. Silestone countertops are safe for the quality of interior air throughout their lifetimes, as they do not off-gas pollutants into the air and emit zero volatile organic compounds into the atmosphere.

For more information on Silestone, please visit www.silestoneusa.com.

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## About Cosentino®

Cosentino<sup>®</sup>, a global natural stone manufacturer, began harvesting precious stones from the finest quarries in Europe close to a century ago. The Spanish company currently distributes material in more than 80 countries. Cosentino North America was established in 1998 to distribute and market Silestone<sup>®</sup> natural quartz surfaces in the US, Canada and Mexico. With 11 manufacturing lines, Cosentino is the largest manufacturer of natural quartz surfaces in the world. The company covers the entire process of producing natural stone products including quarrying, fabricating and installing surfaces, such as kitchen and bathroom countertops, wall cladding and many other applications. The Cosentino North America family of brands includes Silestone natural quartz with built-in Microban<sup>®</sup> protection; SenSa<sup>®</sup> granite with SenGuard<sup>®</sup>; Scalea natural stone, including marble, travertine and soapstone; Marlique<sup>TM</sup> Marble; and MURO<sup>TM</sup> pre-meshed tiles made with recycled Silestone. For more information regarding Cosentino, please visit www.cosentinonorthamerica.com.