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Artisan Group™ Offers Consumers Heritage Wood™ Custom Countertops and Comprehensive Lifetime Warranty on Granite

AUSTIN – April 30, 2009– Customers seeking granite countertops want a material that is not only beautiful and functional, but also stands the test of time. With that philosophy in mind, Artisan Group has created its own brand that offers the granite industry's first lifetime warranty.

The Artisan Group, an independent organization of the country's premier countertop fabricators, has launched Artisan Stone Collection™, which carries the industry's first comprehensive lifetime warranty. The Artisan Stone Collection is offered exclusively by Artisan Group and is available in the United States and Canada.

Every Artisan countertop is sealed with Firstline™ Sealer which is exclusive to the Artisan Group and provides the very best stain protection technology.

"We are confident that homeowners will embrace our lifetime warranty and will appreciate the superior fabrication and service Artisan Group provides," said Sid Mackay, Artisan Group board member. "This new warranty offers customers perpetual peace of mind about a major purchase that's generally a focal point inside their home."

Artisan Group members represent a select group of national fabricators who share a singular vision: to set a new standard for quality and craftsmanship in the granite countertop industry. "We combine decades of experience with the world's best granite, the latest technologies and unsurpassed customer service to ensure that our customers have confidence in their granite countertops," said Don Hinckley, Artisan Group board member.



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Artisan Group has partnered with one of the country's largest granite importers to ensure a long-term, consistent supply of high-quality granite from the world's best quarries. The group's powerful purchasing block allows them to offer the widest variety of colors from the basics to the most stunning exotic granites, all at affordable prices. Artisan Group's inspectors are located around the globe to insure quality by inspecting slabs before they leave the quarry.

In addition to timeless granite countertops, Artisan Group is also offering customers the choice of exotic wood by being the only company to offer Heritage Wood, custom, high-end, solid wood countertops.

Artisan Group is a one-stop kitchen shop, also now offering consumers Kohler sinks and faucets through an exclusive specialty dealer program with the Kohler companies. Visit the new Artisan Group website at www.artisan-collection.com to find the Artisan Group fabricator nearest you.

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Artisan Group

Artisan Group™ is the premier network of stone fabricators in North America. Its extensive network allows the organization to offer the world's best granite from the best sources around the globe. Utilizing the most technically advanced, automated shops in the industry, highly skilled craftsmen ensure that each and every installation meets exacting standards. From classic to exotic, it offers the most extensive array of color choices in the industry, and with short lead times and competitive pricing, Artisan Group granite countertops are closer than one might expect. For more information, visit www.artisan-collection.com.

Heritage Wood Countertops

Heritage Wood, fine solid wood countertops are expertly crafted to bring elegance, warmth and durability to any décor. Skilled artisans carefully select the world's finest domestic, exotic and reclaimed wood, and then craft it to perfection. Available exclusively through Artisan Group, the country's premier network of countertop fabricators, Heritage Wood adds a unique, luminous touch to kitchens and countertops. All Heritage Wood Countertops come with a full warranty. Product images are available at <http://www.getaha.com/ftp/Heritage-Wood-Photos.zip>.

Firstline Sealer

Firstline Sealer is an exclusive solvent-based and V.O.C. compliant impregnator sealer. It is the finest sealer for granite penetrating grout and dense stone to protect against water and oil staining, while allowing substrate to properly breathe. It has a non-yellowing, long-lasting formula that will not change the surface appearance of your granite. Firstline is specifically designed to bond with quartz and silica materials inherent to granite and grout.