



VT Industries is signed as Cosentino's Co-Exclusive Silestone® Distributor
Holstein, Iowa based VTI to fabricate and distribute more than 6,500 Silestone slabs through 2008

(Holstein, Iowa) October 11, 2007— VT Industries and Cosentino North America have reached an agreement that will increase commercial distribution of Silestone® in North America and provide current VTI customers with the new, high-value option of utilizing beautiful, zero-maintenance Silestone quartz in their upcoming projects.

VTI is now the newest Silestone distributor and one of select group of companies licensed to fabricate and distribute Silestone in the United States. As part of its co-exclusive distributor contract, VTI will now account for 85 percent of its quartz surfacing sales with Silestone. More than 1,200 Silestone slabs are on order for the remainder of 2007, with orders for at least 5,000 more expected in 2008.

The deal is expected to increase Silestone usage among many of VTI's current commercial clients including the Hilton and Marriott hotel chains. Silestone's large color palette, durability, and zero-maintenance qualities are currently in high demand in the construction industry as builders seek to add extra value and luxury to projects.

"We're very excited about our partnership with VT Industries," says Jack Shields, Cosentino Regional Sales Manager. "Our companies' combined commitment to providing a quality, reliable and beautiful product to the customer makes this deal a perfect fit for both sides."

"As a leader in the laminate countertop industry, we are excited to partner with a leader in the quartz surfacing industry." says Doug Clausen, VT Industries President and CEO. "Bringing quartz surfacing into our product mix will allow our customers to service more of their marketplace."

VTI will initially handle all of its Silestone fabrication from its 300,000 square-foot facility in Rome, Georgia. Additional facilities in Southern California, Iowa and Canada are expected to begin Silestone fabrication later in 2008/9.

About Silestone®

The leader in Quartz Surfaces, Silestone was created in Spain by Cosentino, global natural stone giant. Silestone combines sophisticated style with sophisticated functionality through its on-trend color and texture offerings and its unique blend of physical attributes that make it a cleaner, safer



surface. It's the only countertop in the world with Microban antimicrobial protection and NSF and GreenGuard environment certification.

Silestone's palette consists of more than 60 colors and 2 distinct textures. It is available coast-to-coast in North America through a mature network of distributors, Certified Installers and more than 4,500 retailers in addition to being online at e-counters.com. Additional information about Silestone is available by calling 800-291-1311 or by visiting www.silestoneusa.com.

About Cosentino®

Cosentino, a global natural stone giant, began harvesting precious stones from the finest quarries in Europe close to a century ago. Today, Cosentino has combined its commitment to providing the highest quality in natural quartz with a dedication to innovation and technology. This combination results in unequalled manufacturing capacity, a reliable network of dedicated distributors and fashion- forward designs. Additional information about Cosentino may be found at www.cosentino.com.