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One of the Largest Countertop Fabricator Networks Teams Up with Granite City Tool

February 23, 2011--AUSTIN--Granite City Tool, a family-owned manufacturer and distributor for the stone industry since 1885, has become the Artisan Group's preferred tooling vendor for 2011. Artisan Group is a nationwide network of premium stone fabricators.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to work with an elite organization such as the Artisan Group," says Chuck Sanvik, President, Granite City Tool. "Their focus on the value of customer service and quality products coincides with ours at Granite City Tool. This strategic alliance will have an exponential value for both of our organizations' success in this industry."

Granite City Tool will provide Artisan Group with quality tools at special pricing, utilizing both nationwide networks.

"Artisan Group, created from an entrepreneurial spirit of member ownership, strives to forge mutually beneficial partnerships that help our members continue to build successful businesses," says Chad Seiders, Executive Director, Artisan Group. "Granite City tool has a great industry reputation for quality products and services and this should be a synergistic partnership."

In addition to Granite City Tool, Artisan Group also recently signed a deal with ARCAT Architectural website to be the first natural stone countertops (Artisan Stone Collection) to be specified through ARCAT. Artisan Group also is a Kohler specialty dealer.

About Artisan Group

Artisan Group is an association of premium countertop fabricators that covers most major markets in the U.S. and Canada. Its members average more than 20 years of fabrication experience in the countertop industry, and all Artisan Group members have achieved, or have begun the process to achieve, full accreditation with the Marble Institute of America--a first among granite fabricators. Brands of the Artisan Stone Collection include Exotic & Classic Granite, Modesto Granite (starting at \$35/square foot) and Saratoga Soapstone. It also offers a marble collection as well as Heritage Wood surfacing products. Apart from countertops, the Artisan Group supplies the Firstline collection of granite care products as well as Kohler sinks and faucets through an exclusive specialty dealer program with the Kohler Company. For more information, visit www.artisan-counters.com.

About Granite City Tool

Granite City Tool has been a distributor and manufacturer for the stone industry since 1885 and is now in its third generation of same-family ownership. The company attributes its nearly 125 years of experience in the stone tooling business to having built a solid reputation for providing customers with high-quality products through reliable and expedient service. Granite City Tool will continue to attain the highest quality products for the lowest prices and pass these benefits onto its customers. The company is one of the most diverse service and product oriented suppliers for the stone industry and continues to be an innovator and inventor of new technologies for the industry. For more information, visit www.granitecitytool.com