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## **Saint-Gobain and Grenite Sustainable Solutions Partnership Yields New Manufacturing Facility for Grenite® Sustainable Engineered Stone** ***Green by design, Grenite features the industry's highest recycled content***

**Ravenna, OH – May 17, 2011** – At the entrance to a new, dedicated manufacturing facility in Ravenna, representatives from Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics and Grenite Sustainable Solutions (GSS) formally announced their new partnership. The two firms have joined forces to develop, manufacture and market the Grenite® line of innovative sustainable solid surface products.

“Grenite® engineered stone products are made with up to 85 percent recycled, post-consumer materials, most often ceramic waste or copper mine slag that would normally have ended up in landfills or waste sites,” says Erik Johnson, a GSS partner. “We’ve recovered the waste from other industrial processes and given it a second life as something both beautiful and useful.” For LEED® certifications, Grenite countertops offer the highest recycled content currently available.

“Grenite® products bring new levels of high performance and sustainability to countertops, sinks, shower enclosures, exterior decorative panels for façades, outdoor furniture and other products,” says Patrice Lallement, Marketing Manager for Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics. “Up until now, Grenite has been available only as a molded product. However, with the opening of the new Ravenna facility and the partnership between Saint-Gobain and GSS, Grenite will be available in slabs, ready to be custom-finished by fabricators with engineered stone equipment and expertise. Grenite products are a perfect example of Saint-Gobain’s ongoing efforts to bring the building materials of the future to the market.”

“Having proven the product in carefully manufactured and managed situations,” notes Johnson, “we are proud to be able to offer it in sheet stock made by Saint-Gobain. All engineered stone fabricators can use such product.” The typical slab sheet size is 60” x 120” x 5/8”.

Featuring a Measure Of Hardness Scale rating (Mohs) greater than 7, Grenite offers superior hardness compared to competing materials, which gives it outstanding scratch, wear, stain, scorch and graffiti resistance. The sum of these features means that Grenite requires lower maintenance and offers a longer useful life, proven in high-traffic applications in retail, banking, hospitality, entertainment and fast-food environments.



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“By design, Grenite<sup>®</sup> products are priced competitively against other products from industry leaders,” says Randy Riley, another GSS partner. “It is part of our business model to bring ecologically responsible and cost-effective offerings to the market.”

Recycled and recyclable. Long lasting. Easy to install. Competitively priced. These features make Grenite<sup>®</sup> a true breakthrough product for the solid surface industry.

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, part of the Innovative Materials Sector of Saint-Gobain, is headquartered in Aurora, Ohio, and employs 4,400 people in 15 countries. It is a world leader in high-performance plastics, including flexible tubing applications, seals, coated fabrics, foams, polymer products and bearings.

Based in Paris, Saint-Gobain has operations in 64 countries and employs nearly 190,000 people. Founded in 1665 to manufacture glass for the Hall of Mirrors at the Palace of Versailles in Paris, Saint-Gobain remains headquartered in France and had worldwide sales of \$53.2 billion in 2010. Saint-Gobain is a world leader in construction markets, developing a new generation of building products to help meet the global challenges of energy efficiency and environmental protection. Our vision is to offer a wide range of solutions and services to make buildings more energy efficient, while enhancing comfort and quality of life. For more information, visit [www.saint-gobain-northamerica.com](http://www.saint-gobain-northamerica.com).

Grenite Sustainable Solutions (GSS) is a privately held development and custom manufacturing company focusing on the creation of sustainable composite materials for use in the building, retail, theatrical/thematic, and general commercial and residential markets. With domestic and international marketing capacity, GSS provides products and services to many of the largest companies in the U.S. The company is headquartered in Metuchen, New Jersey, with R&D and custom molded manufacturing facilities in Los Angeles and sales offices worldwide. For additional information visit [www.grenite.com](http://www.grenite.com).

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