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CAMBRIA HELPS MINNEAPOLIS HOME REMODEL ACHIEVE FIRST-EVER LEED PLATINUM RATING BY U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Cambria Countertops Featured Throughout LEED for Homes Pilot Project

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (February 12, 2008) - Cambria, the only producer of natural quartz surfaces in the United States, is the countertop featured throughout *The Sustainable House*, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Homes Pilot Project in the Twin Cities. The home contains more than 100 square feet of Cambria countertops and is the first remodel in the LEED program to achieve the Platinum rating by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and also the first LEED Platinum certified home in any class in Minnesota.

LEED is an accreditation program conducted by the USBGC that certifies building projects based on performance under the LEED rating system. LEED Platinum is the highest certification level given by the USGBC.

“We are proud that Cambria countertops are featured throughout *The Sustainable House*,” said Tom Annexstad, Cambria’s Senior Vice President of Residential Sales. “Cambria is an environmentally-sustainable product because unlike other stones, it does not emit fumes into the air or require sealing with harsh chemicals to maintain its surface quality and shine.”

Live Green, Live Smart's debut initiative *The Sustainable House*, located in Minnetonka, Minn., was transformed from a non-energy efficient, low-performance rambler into an energy-efficient, environmentally healthy home that is respectful of the natural environment and comfortable for family life.

Cambria recycles and recovers 100 percent of the water used in its production processes through unique settling and filtering techniques. In addition, Cambria is GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality® and GREENGUARD For Children & SchoolsSM certified, which means it does not off-gas or emit harmful chemicals into the air. Cambria's GREENGUARD certifications contributed one (1) LEED point to *The Sustainable House* project under the Indoor Environmental Quality category.

As a leader in design innovation, Cambria offers more colors with unique design capabilities than any other surfacing material. Complementary colors from the Desert and Quarry collections offer unique opportunities to incorporate multiple colors on a variety of surfaces, creating more depth and character in a home. Cambria is available through builders, designers, architects and kitchen/bath retailers throughout all of North America.

Strong, Safe, Certified and Environmentally Friendly

Cambria is a stain-resistant, non-porous surface that is harder, stronger and easier to care for than other stone surfaces, including granite and marble, because it does not require sealing with harsh chemicals. Cambria is also certified by NSF International as safe for use as a food preparation surface – there is no safer surface available to consumers.

Primarily made from North American quartz and as the only producer of natural quartz surfaces in the United States, Cambria has a lower carbon footprint when compared to other quartz products that are largely produced in the Middle East, Asia and Europe and require greater transportation and carbon resources in route to market.

Cambria is available to consumers, builders, contractors, architects and designers throughout North America and the world. Cambria has operations and fabrication facilities in Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina and Ontario.

About The Sustainable House

The Sustainable House is a residential rehab of a 1940s era home in a typical upscale teardown prone neighborhood. Reconstructed according to building guidelines developed by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), the goal of *The Sustainable House* is to demonstrate ways in which existing technology can be practically applied to make ordinary homes less polluting and less costly to operate. The house's improved systems include co-generation of energy and heat, maximal use of wind and solar systems, state-of-the-technology insulation and indoor air quality, and environmentally friendly lawn and garden design.

About Cambria

Cambria is a privately held, family-owned company with more than 500 employees. Headquartered in Le Sueur, Minn., Cambria is one of the few quartz surface plants in the world and the only producer of natural quartz surfaces in the United States. Cambria has a North American network of stone fabricator and installation partners that share Cambria's commitment to quality and craftsmanship. Cambria focuses on quality, innovation and growth in their respective markets. Cambria is available to consumers via retail partners throughout North America. Cambria also exports its products throughout the world. For additional information about Cambria, or to locate the closest Cambria dealer, call 1-866-CAMBRIA or visit Cambria on the web at www.CambriaUSA.com.

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