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CARILO BY ANN SACKS® PRESENTS AN ECOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVE IN TILE DESIGN

PORTLAND, Ore. (April 26, 2011) – ANN SACKS, a premier manufacturer and distributor of tile introduced Carilo glass tiles at the 2011 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Las Vegas. The 100-percent recycled Carilo tile is part of the Eco-Thinking ANN SACKS product line, designed from a unique composition of float glass used in the manufacture of windows and other industrial glass products.

ANN SACKS spent two years seeking out a recycled glass that met its quality standards. Carilo not only met but exceeded expectations bringing to the marketplace a product that is both beautifully executed and environmentally sound. To achieve its remarkable results, glass is crushed before being hand-separated by artists who coordinate the varying colors into complementing lots. Once fired, the tile is hand-worked to evoke a silky smooth hand and sensual, gently planed surface. The tile is virtually maintenance free and can be used for medium duty flooring, feature walls, backsplashes and fireplace surrounds.

Carilo presents a depth of color and natural irregularity that means no two tiles are alike and, depending upon the lay-up, offers almost limitless ways to elicit a visual statement. The random pooling of color creates a variegated surface that ranges from the mottled effect similar to that of marble to a celestial, star-like patterning. The tiles are offered in field sizes of 3½ x7, 7x14, and 14x28 and in an organic color range of Bark Matte, Crush Matte, Sleet Matte, Thunder Matte or Trunk Matte, while the 1x1 straight mosaic tiles are offered in a choice of Crush Matte, Gray Blend or Brown Blend.



3½ x7 field shown in Thunder Matte

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Founded in 1981, ANN SACKS has built its reputation with inspiring designs in tile, stone, plumbing, lighting and accessories. Based in Portland, Ore., the company is a division of the Kohler Co. Interiors Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kohler Co., which also includes Kallista plumbing, Baker Knapp & Tubbs, Inc., Baker furniture, Baker Knapp & Tubbs Showrooms and Baker Stores, McGuire Furniture Company, and Mark David hospitality furniture.

Founded in 1873 and headquartered in Kohler, Wis., Kohler Co. is one of America's oldest and largest privately held companies. Kohler is a global leader in the manufacture of kitchen and bath products, engines and power generation systems, cabinetry, tile and home interiors, and international host to award-winning hospitality and world-class golf destinations.

For additional information regarding Carilo or other ANN SACKS products, consumers can call toll-free 1-800-278-TILE or visit the ANN SACKS website at www.annsacks.com.

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