

Editorial Contact:
Jennifer Toone, In Toone Communication
401-861-5052
jtoone@intoone.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GERRITYSTONE HOSTS OSHA FABRICATION SAFETY TOUR BY THE MARBLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

WOBURN, Mass. (May 7, 2008) - GerrityStone, New England's premiere importer and master fabricator of marble, granite, travertine and limestone, served as featured host last month for a fabrication safety tour presented jointly by OSHA and the Marble Institute of America. The site-visit of GerrityStone's fabrication shop and inventory warehouse was part of a day-long seminar for business owners, fabricators and distributors to enhance safety protocols and awareness within the stone industry.

"Ensuring a safe workplace for our team of highly skilled fabricators is of the highest importance to us" said Tracy Streckenbach, chief executive officer of GerrityStone. "We will continue to support the Marble Institute of America in its industry education goals and were delighted to open our doors to our New England competitors in the spirit of leading improved safety conditions for our industry."

The scheduled, voluntary site-visit was among numerous education-based practices covered during the seminar including silica exposure, slab handling, developing a safety and health program, and information on other safety resources available from the Marble Institute of America, OSHA and Massachusetts Department of Labor.

Featured speakers included Kathy Flannery, Division of Occupational Safety, Jean Manoli, MA Consultation Program and staff members from the MIA and Schechner Lifson Corporation.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Marble Institute of America (MIA) in Cleveland are allied to provide MIA members with information and training to promote workplace safety and health and provide on-going education programs for employers and employees.

For more information, call Alan Weiner, vice president of sales and marketing for GerrityStone at 781-938-1820, via email at aweiner@gerrityco.com or visit www.gerritystone.com.

About GerrityStone

After four generations in the building products industry, the Gerrity family directed attention to the worldwide acquisition and fabrication of granite and marble counters, tabletops, bathroom vanity tops, fireplace surrounds, and any product which can be fashioned from natural stone.

Today, in addition to natural stone, Gerrity offers a full line of sinks, fixtures, backsplashes, and SileStone® in its ever-expanding product line at its headquarters and stone design center in Woburn, MA. Jim Gerrity, as chairman of the company, is committed to providing superior customer service, quality resources at affordable pricing, forging strategic industry partnerships, introducing innovative technologies and encouraging eco-friendly design.

###