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NEW RICHLITE COUNTERTOP COLORS REACH MARKET IN TIME FOR FALL AND WINTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

TACOMA, Wash. (Sept 29, 2003) – Richlite Corp., manufacturer of Richlite paper-based counter surfaces, announced today that three new colors – merlot (dark red), indigo (deep, rich blue) and sage (dark green) – are available to the design and building markets for the first time this month. The new tones are in addition to Richlite’s original color offerings: slate black (soapstone look), nutmeg and baguette (formerly called camel). Simultaneously, Richlite completed its first production run of its new hemp-based countertop that will be available in October. Richlite Hemp counters are an aesthetically appealing, durable and environmentally sustainable alternative to stone and other popular solid surface materials. The natural hemp-colored counters are made of paper with fibers from fast-growing abaca, a palm-like plant grown in the Philippines and Ecuador commonly called hemp.

Richlite counters are durable and resist stains, knife marks and extreme heat. The countertops are made of a dense material that easily washes clean and won’t hold on to bacteria. Richlite is recognized for its sanitary performance appreciated by chefs in the home and in high profile commercial kitchens.

Richlite surfaces come in multiple sizes and widths. Standard sheets are available in 4’x8’ to 5’x12’ sizes and 30” half sheets to match a variety of design tastes. The product is readily available in ¾” to 1½” thickness.

Rainier Richlite is committed to reducing its impact on the environment through clean manufacturing processes and by using only renewable and recycled resources. Richlite is sold through a network of dealers throughout the United States and Canada. To find a local Richlite dealer visit www.richlite.com or call 888-383-5533.

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