

## **Fabrication and Use Agreement**

Francini, Inc. ("Francini"), the worldwide distributor of Lucastone<sup>TM</sup>, and the undersigned Customer, enter into this Fabrication and Use Agreement, which sets forth important installation guidelines which are vital to protect the Fabricator and its' employees. Customer, if different than the Fabricator, understands the importance of this Fabrication and Use Agreement and agrees to convey this Agreement and enforce its provisions with the Fabricator. Customer and Francini agree as follows:

#### Storage

- All Lucastone<sup>TM</sup> slabs should be stored between 25°F and 130°F.
- Vertical storage is recommended.
- Slabs should be stored face to face to avoid sun exposure.
- All warning labels on slabs must be left in place until fabrication is complete.

### **Slab Selection Guidelines**

 It is the responsibility of the Fabricator to inform homeowner/end user of unique characteristics and maintenance requirements of material selection and finish.

# **Fabrication Guidelines**

- Prior to fabrication, it is the Fabricator's responsibility to inspect slabs. If any imperfections are noted that will affect fabrication, stop, and contact Francini.
- Fabricator agrees to wet cut and wet polish.
- Always leave no less than 1/8" clearance on all sides of any cut-outs for sinks or cooktops.
- All inside corners shall be radiused to a minimum diameter of 3/8".

- Fabricator shall add pigments and/or colors to adhesive used for seams.
- Clearance between wall and top shall be no less than 1/16" per 5 feet.
- Front to back support shall be installed if span is greater than 3 feet between supports.

### **Installation Guidelines**

- All mounting surfaces are to be flat and true to within 1/16" in 10 feet.
- Entire perimeter of slab installation shall be supported.
- Acceptable overhangs for 2cm and 3cm material thickness will vary by application. Adequate support for all overhangs is the responsibility of the Fabricator/Installer.
- Flexible silicone shall be used for installing Lucastone<sup>TM</sup> to supporting structure with spacing of adhesive no greater than 12".
- No mechanical fasteners shall be used to install Lucastone<sup>TM</sup>.

# **Safety Requirements**

It is the Fabricator's responsibility and duty to its' employees to ensure that the employees are fully utilizing safety procedures to comply with all local OSHA laws as well as to avoid liability to Francini and/or Fabricator for any exposure to Crystalline Silica during the fabrication process. While Lucastone<sup>TM</sup> Quartz slabs are not hazardous in their slab form, or as used by the end user, the fabrication process can allow for harmful exposure to Crystalline Silica. Fabricator agrees to properly train employees and independent contractors in the fabrication and processing of engineered quartz slabs such as Lucastone<sup>TM</sup>, including the processes of sawing, cutting, grinding, breaking, crushing, drilling, sanding, or sculpting. These processes generate dust that can be dangerous to health and can cause several illnesses such as silicosis, lung cancer, fibrosis of the lungs, tuberculosis, kidney diseases, abrasions of the cornea, and irritation of the skin and eyes. Fabricator shall provide its' employees with:

- Proper exhaust ventilation;
- Protective equipment;
- Dust control equipment;
- N95 NIOSH certified respirators, and where needed, type CE abrasive-blast supplied-air respirator;
- Disposable or washable clothes and shower facilities;

- Exposure monitoring and health screenings;
- Segregated eating/drinking in areas where crystalline silica dust is not present;
- Hand and face washing facilities outside dusty areas; and
- First aid implements including an eye wash station

### **Customer's Agreement**

Regardless of whether Customer is the Distributor, Retailer, End-User/Homeowner, or Fabricator, Customer, is responsible to assure Fabricator reviews and follows the foregoing guidelines and provides the same information to each of its' employees. Customer, if not the Fabricator, shall bind the Fabricator in a written agreement, to jointly along with Customer, hold Francini harmless for any injury, illness or death caused to Fabricator's employees arising from Crystalline Silica or other dust, as well as any other hazards arising from storage, fabrication or installation of Lucastone<sup>TM</sup>. Customer agrees that if any claim, demand or suit is filed against Francini which relates to or arises from the storage, fabrication or installation of the Lucastone<sup>TM</sup> product, or the failure of Fabricator to follow these guidelines, Customer and Fabricator shall defend and indemnify Francini for the claim, suit or demand.