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<u>ANN SACKS® INTRODUCES EARTHGLASS, HANDMADE RECYCLED GLASS TILES WITH</u> <u>A TEXTURAL APPEAL</u>

PORTLAND, Ore. (January 20, 2015) – ANN SACKS presents Earthglass, a beautiful new hand-produced line of tile composed primarily of post-consumer recycled glass. Earthglass offers users a unique product that has all the hallmarks of individual craftsmanship: each tile has the subtle differences in depth of color and opacity that are inherent in handmade glass. This tile collection is ideal for anyone desiring a product that is not only unusual and fresh, but is also eco-friendly.

Earthglass is available in two design styles: an Offset Mosaic that is ³/₄-inches by 4-inches, and a Herringbone Mosaic of the same dimensions. These patterns are inherently simple, modern and cleanlined, allowing the colors and personal nature of the glass to be the star of the show. The color palette consists of three hues: Camel (*shown in the herringbone mosaic*), a rich caramel color that is made up of 82% post-consumer recycled glass; Oyster, a



coolly versatile neutral composed of 64% post-consumer recycled glass; and Slate, a rich grey also comprised of 64% post-consumer recycled glass.

"Each of the three colors gives the tile a blend of 60% iridized surface and 40% noniridized surface so they have an unusual visual depth and react in differing ways to ambient light," said DeeDee Gundberg, director – product development, ANN SACKS. "There is a lustrous quality to Earthglass that is really lovely."

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Earthglass is ideal for many installations, including walls, floors, showers, backsplashes, fireplaces, and outdoors subject to climate and installation. Because of the handmade nature of the product, users should expect there to be small variations in color, opacity and inclusions such as small air bubbles. These subtle dissimilarities add character and interest to the finished installation, creating a finished look that is truly unlike any other.

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. Ann Sacks Tile and Stone, Inc., along with Kallista plumbing and Robern mirrored cabinetry and vanities are part of the Kohler Interiors Decorative Products sector. Under its Furniture sector resides Baker Knapp & Tubbs, Inc., Baker furniture, Baker Knapp & Tubbs Showrooms and Baker Stores, and McGuire Furniture Company.

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 Earthglass or other ANN SACKS products, consumers can call toll-free 1-800-278-TILE or visit the ANN SACKS website at <u>www.annsacks.com</u>.

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