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**SANIGUARD® BY CHG HELPS KEEP INDOOR WATERFALLS FREE OF BACTERIA, MOLDS AND VIRUSES**

*CHG Helps Accents in Water Stay Competitive in the Marketplace*

**LAKEWOOD, NJ – November 19, 2007** – Component Hardware Group (CHG), a leading manufacturer and distributor of plumbing and specialty hardware components to healthcare, foodservice, institutional and commercial markets, has announced that Accents in Water, a division of Kloppenberg Manufacturing based in Englewood, Colorado, is utilizing CHG's SANIGUARD® antimicrobial treatment to stay ahead of the competition by keeping their customized water features free of bacteria, molds and viruses.

Signature indoor waterfalls and other fountains created by Accents in Water have been shown to promote a healthy working environment by harnessing the soothing and air-purifying benefits of water. With safe water being a key area of concern, particularly in health-care and hospital settings due to the high incidences of hospital-acquired infections (HAIs), various tests were conducted to support the company's healthful claims.

According to studies conducted by Dr. Mark Hernandez, PhD, PE, of the University of Colorado, School of Environmental Engineering, the water reservoir at the base of Accents in Water's products, when coated with SANIGUARD antimicrobial treatment and used in conjunction with Accent in Water's UV light sterilization technology, remained free of bacteria, molds and viruses.

SANIGUARD is a proven, cost-effective, inorganic antimicrobial treatment that utilizes a silver ion-based technology to retard the growth of bacteria, molds and some viruses on treated surfaces such as water tanks, faucet handles, door knobs, flush handles and other touch points for the life of the product. The proprietary coating is currently the only antimicrobial treatment to meet National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Protocol P345 for antimicrobial efficacy.

"Infection control practitioners commonly share the concern that water fountains sometimes become breeding grounds for mold and bacteria," said Tom Carr, president of CHG. "SANIGUARD has effectively helped Accents in Water confidently claim that their products will promote a healthy environment."

CHG continually conducts extensive third-party research and evidence-based testing of its SANIGUARD antimicrobial treatment for efficacy in inhibiting the growth of various microorganisms including Norovirus, MRSA, Legionella, staphylococcus, salmonella, listeria, E-coli and others. This information is provided strictly to substantiate the efficacy of the SANIGUARD antimicrobial compound and is not intended to support or endorse public health claims for treated articles under 40 CFR 152.25 (a).





SANIGUARD is widely accepted by healthcare infection control professionals in the U.S.A. and Canada. Restaurants, cruise ships, schools, labs, prisons, extended care facilities and other places where Norovirus and other microorganisms can lead to costly outbreaks of food poisoning have also integrated SANIGUARD products into their infection control strategies.

To learn more about the SANIGUARD, please visit [www.saniguard-online.com](http://www.saniguard-online.com) or call 1-877-SANIGUARD.

#### **About SANIGUARD® Antimicrobial Protected Products**

The first and only products of their kind, SANIGUARD antimicrobial protected plumbing and hardware products inhibit the growth of bacteria, mold and fungus on surfaces and help prevent the spread of infection – nonstop and for the life of the product. Unique among plumbing and hardware components, the SANIGUARD line utilizes a patented, proven inorganic silver ion technology, combined with a proprietary powder coating material, to inhibit the growth of microorganisms and prevent their survival on the product's surfaces, offering a benefit with a broad range of applications. For additional information, please visit [www.saniguard-online.com](http://www.saniguard-online.com) or call 1-877-SANIGUARD.

#### **About Component Hardware Group (CHG)**

Lakewood, New Jersey-based CHG manufactures and distributes plumbing and specialty hardware components to healthcare, foodservice, institutional and commercial markets under the SANIGUARD®, Encore, Regal Ride, Top Line, Drain Master and QuikWash trademarks. For over 25 years, the company has been known for its longtime commitment to the highest level of customer service and its high-quality, innovative products for use in facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, cruise ships, schools, prisons, foodservice kitchens and elsewhere. For additional information, please visit [www.componenthardware.com](http://www.componenthardware.com).