



## News

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### For Immediate Release

#### **N.T. Ruddock Named Exclusive Distributor of SpectraQuartz® Colored Quartz Aggregate in Midwest**

CHARDON, Ohio, December 22 2009 – The N.T Ruddock Co. has been named the exclusive distributor of SpectraQuartz® colored quartz aggregate from Mineral Visions to construction, flooring, and pool markets in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Western Pennsylvania and Western New York.

“We are excited to add the SpectraQuartz line of colored quartz to our portfolio of specialty products,” said Jim Ruddock, president of N.T. Ruddock Co. “Our customers are going to be very interested in how SpectraQuartz can be used to improve the aesthetics and durability of their concrete, epoxy flooring, and pool projects.”

SpectraQuartz is manufactured by Mineral Visions using a unique process in which high-purity quartz is coated with colored pigment dispersions specially developed to permanently bind to the quartz surface. The product is extremely resistant to ultraviolet rays and chemicals, retaining its color and hardness after years of exposure to sunlight and flooring chemicals.

The N.T Ruddock Co. is a leading supplier of abrasives, alloys, aggregates and other specialty industrial and construction products and equipment. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, the 60-year-old company has customers throughout the Midwest involved in the fabrication and installation of flooring, countertops, swimming pools and aquariums, among other specialty construction services. Ruddock explained that the company is very selective with the products it distributes, only adding new vendors that meet the highest requirements for quality and service.

For more information about Mineral Visions and its SpectraQuartz product, please refer to the product’s website at [www.spectraquartz.com](http://www.spectraquartz.com) or call our customer service at 800-255-7263. For more information on the N.T Ruddock Co., please refer to the organization’s web site at [www.ntruddock.com](http://www.ntruddock.com) or call Jim Ruddock at (440) 439-4976.

#### **About Us**

Mineral Visions is a Fairmount Minerals Ltd. Subsidiary. Fairmount, headquartered in Chardon, Ohio, is one of the largest producers of industrial quartz sand and coated sand products in the North America. We are committed to consistently and cost effectively meeting customers requirements through the development and marketing of the highest quality silica, lake and bank sand products. Our mission is to deliver solutions while working to ensure the preservation of the environment and the responsible use of our natural resources.



## FAIRMOUNT MINERALS

Fairmount place great emphasis on its global responsibilities and strives to exceed Sustainable Development practices and expectations set out by the UN Global Compact. Our Sustainable Development Principles: Meet the needs of the present without compromising the future. Fairmount strives to exceed standard practices and expectations in ensuring that our actions consider the impact on each of the 3 pillars of sustainability: People, Planet, and Prosperity.

*People* – Our Social Responsibility is to our employees, their families and to our communities.

*Planet* - Our Environmental Stewardship must ensure the preservation of our environment and the responsible use of our natural resources.

*Prosperity* - Economic Prosperity for our company and for all of our stakeholders.

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