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**Viking Innovates with New Line of Cooktops**

**(Greenwood, MS (January 2015)** – Viking Range, LLC, a leader in kitchen technology, is pleased to announce the rollout a new line of residential cooktops. The sleek and innovative designs coordinate perfectly with the current Viking Professional line of products.

“We are thrilled to introduce this new line of cooktops to our customers,” said Brent Bailey, Viking Vice President of Brand Management. “The design of our new cooktops brings a new level of sophistication to transform any kitchen and impress both home owners and their guests alike. With its state of the art technology, the cooktops bring unprecedented cooking performance while delivering elegance to any kitchen.”

Designed to fit almost any existing cutout, Viking Professional Gas Cooktops offer a hassle-free kitchen upgrade with superior cooking power. The cooktops offer the highest combined BTU rating in the industry, featuring sealed burners with brass burner rings in a wide variety of sizes. A powerful 18,000 BTU burner delivers commercial power for high heat sautéing, rapid boiling and quick recovery.

The new, SureSpark™ Ignition System ensures automatic ignition/re-ignition should the flame extinguish at any time while cooking, and ScratchSafe™ Grate Design provides ultimate protection from scratches and ensures proper placement of the heavy-duty, porcelain-coated cast iron grates. Removable knobs, grates, and burner ports/caps make cleanup easier than ever.

The Viking Professional Electric Cooktops provide commercial power and professional performance in a residential appliance. With surface elements that reach full power in three seconds, a triple element to accommodate a variety of cookware sizes and a bridge element to create one continuous cooking surface, this electric cooktop is designed for customers who desire high performance equipment.

The Electric Cooktop also features an infrared energy transfer that provides fast cooking with any type of cookware. The cooktop can accommodate up to ten cooking zones -- including a 12” 3,200-watt triple element -- providing space and power options for most cookware, while durable, wear-resistant glass ceramic surface and laser-etched graphics withstand the rigors of regular cleaning. Electric cooktops also include indicator lights to denote hot surfaces and active elements.

The All Induction Cooktops provide maximum cooking space and the most energy efficient form of surface cooking. The signature CoolLit™ Lights illuminate cooking zones when in use, while the MagneQuick™ Induction Elements convert electricity into a magnetic field reacting with your cookware to transform the pan into the heat source. The new induction cooktops boast 9” induction elements, each providing up to 3,700 watts of power and the highest combined element rating in the industry.

The Viking Professional Cooktops won the People's Choice Award at the 2014 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show and more recently won the prestigious GOOD DESIGN® Award which honors the yearly achievements of the best industrial and graphic designers and world manufacturers for their pursuit of extraordinary design excellence.

All Viking cooktops are available in 30” and 36” widths, have child proof, push-to-turn metal knobs for safe use and are backed by an industry leading warranty; the Viking Signature Warranty.

Viking Range, LLC originated ultra-premium commercial-type appliances for the home, creating a whole new category of home appliances. Committed to innovative product design, unrivaled performance and peerless quality, Viking is headquartered in Greenwood, Mississippi, and is a subsidiary of The Middleby Corporation, a long-time leader in commercial kitchen technology. Viking appliances are recognized globally as the foremost brand in the high-end appliance industry and are sold through a network of premium appliance distributors and dealers worldwide.

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