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*Fast-growing restaurant chain selects rapidly-growing LED candle company*

**Minneapolis, MN** (April 16, 2008) – Smart Candle, a Minneapolis-based global distributor of LED (light-emitting diode) technology, today announced that Kona Grill, an American grill and sushi bar with 18 major market locations, will equip its restaurants with Smart Candle's LED candles, distinguished among LED competitors for the realistic flicker of their "flame." Kona Grill is the latest among Smart Candle's growing roster of hospitality clients seeking the energy savings and improved safety of Smart Candle's wickless, wax-less candles.

According to Vice President of Training Greg Snodgrass, Smart Candle products provide an excellent solution for the restaurant group. "We like Smart Candle's cost-efficiencies and the versatility of its unique flickering light, which contributes to the warmth of our contemporary environment," said Snodgrass. "When our guests are seated outdoors around the patio bar, Smart Candle votives provide a warm, safe and realistic glow."

On average, restaurants burn candles for up to eight hours each night. In contrast, each rechargeable candle selected by Kona Grill lasts for 10,500 hours. "It was easy to see that Smart Candle would improve our bottom line," said Snodgrass.

The rechargeable Platinum Series candles selected by Kona Grill are safe to use with flammable materials and will not blow out in the wind.

"We designed our LED candles for ambience, safety and cost effectiveness," said Jeffrey Miller, vice president of sales for Smart Candle. "They offer intelligent electronics and LEDs that generate long lasting, flickering light and they bring value to restaurants by reducing costs and contributing to a cleaner environment."

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Available in battery operated or rechargeable models, Smart Candle's proprietary built-in microchip technology sets it apart by replicating the flicker of a flame that is indistinguishable from a conventional candle. Commercial customers like the W and Hilton Hotels, the Coleman Hotel in New Orleans and the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line have contributed to Smart Candle's leadership in portable lighting and power for industrial applications.

*Editor's Note: Contact information and high resolution images for Smart Candle and Kona Grill are available by calling Jeanne Carpenter, 612-803-1282 or: [jcarpenter@perception-ink.com](mailto:jcarpenter@perception-ink.com).*

#### **About Smart Candle®**

Smart Candle provides the benefits of patented LED intelligent technology to commercial and retail customers. Developing highly-efficient, reliable products that require less frequent recycling, while remaining extremely safe has contributed to setting the company apart from its completion. More information is available at [www.smartcandle.com](http://www.smartcandle.com)

#### **About Kona Grill**

Kona Grill owns and operates restaurants in Scottsdale and Chandler, AZ; Denver, CO; Stamford, CT; Naples, FL; Lincolnshire and Oak Brook, IL; Carmel, IN; Troy, MI; Kansas City, MO; Omaha, NE; Las Vegas, NV; Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Sugar Land (Houston), TX.. Kona Grill restaurants offer freshly prepared food, personalized service, and a warm, contemporary ambiance that creates an exceptional, yet affordable, dining experience. Kona Grill restaurants serve a diverse selection of mainstream American dishes as well as a variety of appetizers and entrees with an international influence. Each restaurant also features an extensive sushi menu and sushi bar.