

Dan River to Utilize NANO-TEX™ Fabric Technology

GREENSBORO, N.C., April 18, 2002 -- Nano-Tex, LLC today announced Dan River Mills (NYSE: DRF) as the newest licensed fabric manufacturer to utilize NANO-TEX™ fabric technologies. These proprietary technologies alter fabrics at the molecular level, creating advanced performance and durability through the life of the fabric. Dan River will develop fabrics using NANO-CARE™ and NANO-DRY™ fabric technologies.

NANO-CARE™ fabric technology imparts wrinkle resistance with water and oil repellency into cotton without affecting the breathability or hand of the fabric. The first application will be to bottom-weight, yarn-dyed twill fabrics for use in the casual pant market.

Dan River will also utilize the NANO-DRY™ fabric technology in developing a new performance feature for men's trousers. Providing superior moisture management to synthetic and blend fabrics, NANO-DRY™ enhanced fabrics absorb perspiration into the fabric and pull it away from the skin giving the wearer a dryer, more comfortable feel.

"Excitement continues to grow around the advanced performance of NANO-TEX™ enhanced fabrics," said George W. Henderson, III, CEO. "We are pleased to be a partner with Dan River in providing differentiated fabrics to the market.

"Reaction to our technologies has been good, sending the clear message that consumers are looking for better performance in the clothes they wear. The flexibility of this technology and its compatibility with existing manufacturing processes opens limitless opportunities for other enhancements."

Nano-Tex, LLC (<http://www.nano-tex.com/>) is an advanced materials company using proprietary technology to create, change and improve textiles at the molecular level. Other Nano-Tex advanced technology products include: NANO-PEL™ fabric technology, which provides multiple fabric substrates with water and oil repellent properties and NANO-TOUCH™ fabric technology, which creates the ultimate in comfort and luxurious performance by wrapping a cotton-like sheath around a durable synthetic core.

Dan River Inc. is a leading manufacturer and marketer of textile products for the home fashions, apparel fabrics and industrial textiles markets.