

Nano-Tex Introduces NANO-PEL™ Brand

Greensboro, NC, June 12, 2001 -- Nano-Tex, LLC announced its third introduction in a family of products being developed bringing ease of care and superior performance to everyday fabrics. NANO-PEL™ uniquely identifies fabrics made with Nano-Tex's advanced technology creating superior repellency that allows water and oil spills to easily bead and roll off of fabric without penetrating the fibers. This technology preserves the fabric's original hand and breathability while maintaining durable performance throughout the life of the fabric.

Burlington Interiors will utilize this advanced technology in products identified by the NANO-PEL™ brand to provide stain-resistant performance to panel fabrics for use in the corporate office environment. Designtex will preview these products on June 18, 2001 at NeoCon World's Trade Fair 2001, in Chicago at the Merchandise Mart. Products will be displayed in Steelcase's showroom in the Idea Incubator section.

George W. Henderson, III, CEO for Nano-Tex, said, "We are excited to expand our family of advanced-technology products with the introduction of the NANO-PEL™ brand. With this introduction we have entered the area of interior furnishings and anticipate additional applications in the apparel market. We are pleased to have Burlington Interiors join us in bringing innovative products with ease of care and superior durability to the market.

"Our research center in California is making good progress in the development of new products, and we continue to discover innovative applications. The ability to alter fabrics at the molecular level to enhance performance without diminishing the original hand or durability of the fabric opens limitless opportunities."

Nano-Tex, LLC (www.Nano-Tex.com) is an advanced materials company using proprietary technology to create, change and improve textiles at the molecular level. Intelligent fabrics. Better living.™ Other Nano-Tex advanced-technology products include those identified by the NANO-CARE™ brand, which enhances cotton fabrics with water and oil repellent and wrinkle resistant properties and those identified by the NANO-DRY™ brand, which enhances synthetic fabrics with advanced moisture control properties that provide quicker drying and better comfort.

Burlington Interiors is a contract manufacturer of upholstery and panel fabrics for the contract office market, and drapery, bedding and upholstery for the hospitality market. It operates as a subsidiary of Burlington Industries, Inc. (NYSE: BUR), one of the world's largest and most diversified manufacturers of softgoods for apparel and interior furnishings.

Designtex has been an innovator in contract upholstery, panel, drapery fabrics and wallcoverings since its founding in 1961. Designtex is a design and product development firm that celebrates inquiry and collaboration and strives to build intelligence into each of its products. A Steelcase (NYSE: SCS) company, Designtex is based in New York City and maintains sales and customer service offices in 35 U.S. cities and international locations.

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