

Nano-Tex Receives “Best of Small Tech” Company Award From Small Times Magazine

Greensboro, NC, November 12, 2003 – Nano-Tex, LLC, the leader in textile enhancements that deliver superior comfort and feel in performance-everyday fabrics and apparel, received the 2003 Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech Company Award.

David Soane, Nano-Tex founder, was named as a finalist in the Innovator category. And George Henderson, former chairman and CEO of Burlington Industries, was tapped as a finalist in the Business Leader category for his visionary work bringing NANO-TEX™ applications to the textile industry.

The 2003 Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech Awards recognize the best people, products and companies in nanotechnology, micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) and microsystems.

“We are honored to be recognized among this group of forward-thinking companies and individuals,” said Donn Tice, president and CEO, Nano-Tex. “We hope these awards shed light on the many significant accomplishments in nanotechnology and encourage thoughtful research and development industry-wide.”

Nano-Tex has developed a family of textile enhancements that result in softer, more comfortable performance clothing and interior fabrics. Nano-Tex works with “smart” molecules that attach to fibers to provide optimal performance without compromising comfort or feel.

NANO-TEX™ performance makes fabric feel softer, repel liquids, resist stains, stay dryer and release “ground in” stains with the following advanced technologies: NANO-CARE®, NANO-TOUCH™, NANO-DRY®, NANO-CARE2™, and NANO-PEL™.

NANO-TEX™ fabric treatments cannot be seen or felt. They are developed on a nano-scale – one million times smaller than a grain of sand – so fabric remains breathable and maintains its performance and desirable hand, or feel, through the life of the garment.

Clothing optimized by NANO-TEX™ enhancements and currently available include shirts and pants from Eddie Bauer, Levi Docker, L.L. Bean, Nike/Tiger Woods, Gap and Old Navy, among many others.

The recipients of the Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech Awards, along with the finalists, were selected by nominations and applications submitted by companies and individuals. Small Times Media news staff and an industry panel of experts reviewed the applicants and selected one winner and four finalists in six categories, plus lifetime achievement. The panel considered accomplishments between October 1, 2002, and September 1, 2003.

A complete list of winners and finalists can be found in the November/December issue of Small Times? magazine and online at <http://www.smalltimes.com/>.

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About Nano-Tex

Nano-Tex, LLC, based in Greensboro, N.C., develops and licenses a family of nanotechnology-based textile treatments that dramatically improve the performance of everyday fabrics. To date, the company has licensed its technology to 40 textile mills worldwide and signed agreements with more than 25 leading apparel and interior furnishings brands, including Levi, Gap, Old Navy, Lee, Nike, Champion, Marks & Spencer and Simmons. Products enhanced with Nano-Tex are sold throughout North America and in select locations in the United Kingdom. <http://www.nano-tex.com/>