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ATME-I® to Continue with Techtexsil North America in 2012

Falls Church, VA, January 28, 2011. American Textile Machinery Association (ATMA®) and Messe Frankfurt USA have agreed on the inclusion of American Textile Machinery Exhibition–International (ATME-I®) with Techtexsil North America every even year starting in 2012. The two exhibitions successfully co-located last May in Atlanta. ATME-I® will provide textile machinery, equipment, products and service suppliers a broad textile and apparels industry base to showcase their products and services. ATMA® traces its beginning and that of ATME-I® to the International Cotton Machinery Exposition in Atlanta in 1881.

The agreement between Messe Frankfurt USA and ATMA® follows the launch earlier last year of Texprocess Americas incorporating SPESA EXPO. David Audrain, President of Messe Frankfurt stated that “We are extremely pleased with ATMA®’s decision to continue the successful relationship begun last year. Building on the launch of Texprocess Americas we believe that the expansion of Techtexsil North America to include ATMA®’s ATME-I® creates the most important co-location of textile industry events in the Americas. Our goal is to give buyers the best value for their time investment, which means providing them with the most comprehensive selection of manufacturers at our respective shows.”

Speaking on behalf of ATME-I, American Textile Machinery Association (ATMA®) Chairman and President of Argus Fire Control, Mike Viniconis commented: “After delivering a strong and well-attended ATME-I® 2010 this past May, co-located with Techtexsil North America and SPESA Expo, ATMA® is pleased to again provide in Atlanta a dynamic platform for broadly defined textile industries in 2012. We expect excellent customer attendance from the entire textile processing and applications chain. This again will be a very significant event for our industry with numerous networking opportunities, educational seminars and business and technical workshops supporting the trade shows. Anyone who is in the textile business in the Americas and beyond should recognize that this is a ‘must-attend’ event.”

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American Textile Machinery Association (ATMA®). Founded in 1933, the American Textile Machinery Association is the only U.S. trade association devoted solely to the advancement of manufacturers of textile machinery, parts and accessories in the textile industry. It is headquartered in metro-Washington, D.C. Since 1933 it has had only four chief staff executives, the third one beginning in 1977, Harry W. Buzzerd, Jr., CAE, who remains in service as Management Counsel. Buzzerd said: “This massive international event has been ATMA®’s vision since the 1980’s.”

“ATMA® believes that continuing ATME-I® – the American Textile Machinery Exhibition–International – within Techtextil North America provides the best possible resource for the textile industry,” according to ATMA® President Clay D. Tyeryar, CAE. “We are delighted to return to Atlanta in 2012 as part of the co-location of Techtextil North America and Texprocess Americas, as we continue to service the wants and needs of our members and their customers.” ATMA® and its direct predecessors have a proud history of adapting to customer wants and needs, here and abroad. Following the 1881 Cotton Machinery Expo, a succession of textile machinery shows were organized by primarily New England-based manufacturers. Through ATMA®, they eventually took ATME-I® to Greenville, S.C. in 1969 and following several shows thereafter, moved ATME-I® to Atlanta, in 2006. For more information, visit www.atmanet.org.

Techtextil North America. Techtextil North America is the only trade show in the Americas dedicated to technical textiles and nonwovens. The show assembles all vertical aspects of the technical textile industry. From research and development, through raw materials and production processes and finally ending in conversion, further treatment and recycling. A key component of Techtextil North America is the Symposium which aspires to be the leading conference for the technical textiles industry in the Americas. For more information, visit www.techtextilNA.com

Texprocess Americas. Texprocess Americas, starting in 2012, will take place every even year co-located with Techtextil North America to create a larger, more attractive must-attend event for all individuals involved with technical textiles, nonwovens and the sewn products industry. Texprocess Americas provides a platform for leading international manufacturers to present their latest machines, plant, processing, IT systems and services for making up textiles and other flexible materials. For more information, visit www.TexprocessAmericas.com