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MILLIKEN TO DISPLAY FLAME RESISTANT FABRIC FOR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING MARKET AT FDIC

INDIANAPOLIS (April 28, 2004) – Milliken’s Apparel and Military Performance Fabrics Business will display its newest flame-resistant fabric at this year’s FDIC Show in Indianapolis. Milliken’s booth is: 2926.

CXP[®] (Comfort x Performance) is the next generation of NOMEX[®] flame-resistant fabrics that provides superior comfort with superior safety. Made of DuPont’s NOMEX[®] IIIA fiber, CXP[®] has improved flame-resistant properties, and has been proven to be more comfortable and more durable than traditional NOMEX[®] and other flame-resistant fabrics.

“The big news is that NOMEX[®] is finally comfortable, and we’re offering it at a competitive price,” said Bill Steller, Senior Account Manager for Milliken’s Apparel and Military Performance Fabrics Business. “At Milliken we’re known for our research capabilities and for bringing innovative fabrics to the market. CXP[®] is the result of more than a year of development efforts and it offers several key improvements over today’s NOMEX[®]. Additionally, CXP[®] has been recognized by UL as passing the requirements for NFPA 1975, 2112 and ASTM 1506.

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“CXP[®] is softer and more breathable, which helps people stay comfortable when it’s hot, and our deep-dye processing means it resists fading in sunlight and in the wash. CXP[®] utilizes our VISA[®] technology, for stain release and wicking, as well as our patent-pending Softouch Technology[®], which gives it the soft feel. With CXP[®], there is no risk of a garment losing its flame-resistance during its lifespan because according to DuPont, the inventor of NOMEX[®], the fiber does not sustain combustion in the air and will not melt, drip or burn when exposed to heat or flame. CXP[®] meets or exceeds the flammability standards of other NOMEX[®] fabrics and other station wear fabrics, so the wearer gets better protection in hazardous situations.

“We have raised the bar for the performance of flame-resistant fabrics,” Steller said.

Milliken & Company is a leading international textile and chemical firm. Headquartered in Spartanburg, S.C., the company employs more than 12,000 in over 60 manufacturing facilities worldwide. For more information about Milliken’s CXP[®] flame-resistant fabrics, for user references or sample swatches, call Bill Steller at 1-800-828-3034 or email him at

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