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TEXON INTERNATIONAL UNVEILS LATEST NON-WOVEN INSOLING MATERIAL

A new non-woven insoling material, will be launched at the Shoes and Leather 2006 Exhibition in Guangzhou, China (30 May – 2 June) by Texon International, the leader in high quality structural component solutions for the global footwear industry, to improve the production process, delivering comfort and saving costs.

Texon Sprint™ is a non-woven material using a new “hook-bonded” method of manufacturing, specially developed for Strobel lasting. The process, engineered to avoid adding thread and weight to the non-woven base, takes the fibres directly from the non-woven material to form a stitch, which becomes an integral part of the three dimensional structure of the product.

Made from needled polyester fibre, blended and heat-treated, Texon Sprint material is permeable to both air and moisture, making it ideal for Strobel construction in casual and sports footwear, and it performs extremely well throughout all stages of manufacture. Due to its high abrasion resistance and good tear strength, Texon Sprint can also be used as a vamp lining.

Clint Bailey, product development manager, Texon International, comments: “This innovative non-woven material reaffirms Texon’s position at the cutting edge in providing high quality structural components. Texon Sprint can be used for all types of footwear, including lightweight shoe construction, and leading sports footwear manufacturers have already approved it for use.”

Texon International is the market leader in delivering high quality, high performance structural component solutions for the global footwear industry, apparel and accessories market and for specialised products in the automotive, hygiene, medical, construction, agrotextile and geotextile sectors.

The company is the largest organisation of its kind and the only one to manufacture cellulose, non-woven and metallic solutions for the footwear industry, with production facilities on three continents and selling to more than 90 countries.

Texon International actively promotes the protection of the environment through innovation and conscientious process management as an integral part of its global recycling and sustainability business strategy. It is a leader in eco-friendly technology through conservation, adapting manufacturing processes and recyclability of its products. It uses raw materials that are sustainable and derive from a recycled source, converts and recycles internal waste streams and recycles waste streams upstream in the supply chain.