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## **THRACE-LINQ HIRES CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER**

*Geotextiles supplier expands staff in response to continued growth*

SUMMERVILLE, SC—September 29, 2008—Thrace-LINQ announces the expansion of their customer service department to meet the needs of the growing geotextiles market.

Donald O’Callaghan has joined Thrace-LINQ as customer service manager. O’Callaghan will be responsible for managing the customer service department, building and maintaining client relationships, and serving as the primary point of contact for all post-sale activities with distributors of geotextile and agrotextile fabrics. He comes to Thrace-LINQ with over 15 years of customer service experience, including six years managing key accounts. Previously, O’Callaghan served as customer service manager for Robison-Anton Textile Company, a division of American & Efird, Inc. Additionally, he worked for ICF Industries as operations manager.

“O’Callaghan will be an excellent addition to the Thrace-LINQ team,” said Thrace-LINQ vice president Davis Taylor. “Thrace-LINQ is committed to providing our customers with outstanding service, as well as quality products, and O’Callaghan brings the leadership and interpersonal skills ideally suited to meet the needs of our customers and of our growing organization.”

Thrace-LINQ recently announced the investment of \$20,000,000 in new equipment, including a new needling line, to increase nonwovens production. The new line will have a capacity in excess of 7,000 tons/year and will enable Thrace-LINQ to shift quickly from product to product, increasing the productivity of the whole line as well as ensuring a consistent fabric quality. O’Callaghan will play a major role in managing client relationships as the company continues to expand.

**Thrace-LINQ:** Thrace-LINQ, Inc. is a global supplier of woven and nonwoven polypropylene-based geosynthetic fabrics for a wide variety of technical textile applications. Our corporate office and United States manufacturing site is located in Summerville, South Carolina. Thrace-LINQ is a member of The Thrace Plastics Group, owned by Thrace Plastics Co. S.A. of Athens, Greece.