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THRACE LINQ RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FROM AASHTO'S NTPEP GEOTEXTILE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

SUMMERVILLE, SC — January 21, 2013 — THRACE LINQ, a global supplier of woven and nonwoven performance fabrics for a wide variety of textile applications, successfully complies with AASHTO's NTPEP Geotextile Technical Committee Work Plan.

On March 1, 2012, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in conjunction with the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) developed an audit program for geotextiles to provide a uniform program which allows for all prime manufacturers and private label manufacturers to be held to the same standards, whether located in the United States or in another country. The program provides assurance that the geosynthetics used by regulatory agencies are produced and tested to high quality standards. The audit program consists of a desktop review of a company's Quality Management System (QMS) once every 5 years and a yearly on-site audit of each plant that has products tested thru NTPEP.

"On December 31, 2012, AASHTO's NTPEP completed its audit of materials and processing used by THRACE LINQ to manufacture needle-punch nonwoven fabrics for the geotextiles market and to comply with AASHTO's NTPEP Geotextiles Technical Committee Work Plan," says managing director and vice president operations Davis Taylor, who also congratulated its work assembly for receiving this industry certification.

About THRACE LINQ: Commencing operations in May 2007, THRACE LINQ is a supplier of woven and nonwoven technical fabrics for a wide variety of textile applications in the Americas. Its corporate office and United States manufacturing and distribution center is located in Summerville, South Carolina. THRACE LINQ is a member of Thrace Group, one of the top producers of Technical Fabrics and Packaging solutions in the world. For more information please visit www.thracelinq.com.

About Thrace Plastics Group: Thrace Group operates companies in 12 countries, specializing in the production and trade of PP & PE products. The activity of the Group is divided into two Business Units: Technical Fabrics and Packaging (Consumer and Industrial). The Group operates 14 plants with 28 different production technologies in 6 countries (Greece, Scotland, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and U.S.A.) and has Trading Companies in another 6 countries (Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Serbia, China and Australia). With a 30-year long experience and know-how in the market, Thrace Group serves a sales network of 80 countries worldwide (Europe, N. America, Asia, Australia) manufacturing 100,000 tones of polymers annually and employing 1,600 professionals in total.