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THRACE-LINQ RECEIVES PALMETTO WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE

SUMMERVILLE, SC (USA)—April 8, 2009—South Carolina Employment Security Commission presented a certificate to Thrace-LINQ during the 2009 Palmetto Workforce Partnership Conference at the Columbia Metropolitan Conference Center in Columbia, SC. The certificate recognized Thrace-LINQ in the medium business category for its significant contributions to the South Carolina Workforce System.

Each year, businesses from around the state are honored for their contributions to the workforce, and one winner each is chosen in the small (up to 50 employees), medium (51 to 500) and large (over 500) market employers. Chemtrade Logistics was the Small Business, Monster was the Medium Business and Spartanburg Regional Hospital System was the Large Business winner.

This year's theme "South Carolina Employers...Moving Us Where We Need To Go" focused on the state's important Transportation Cluster – the contributions of the state's ports, the trucking industry, the growing number of distribution centers in the state and emerging trends in this important career cluster.

Neil McLean, Change Agent, New Carolina – South Carolina's Council on Competitiveness delivered the keynote address during the annual luncheon.

In 2008, the Trident Workforce Investment Board awarded Thrace-LINQ an Incumbent Worker Training Grant to invest in its existing workforce to upgrade skill sets with new technologies. "In conjunction with providing cost effective quality products, we are excited to bring new proprietary technology and equipment into the Trident region through our most recent \$10 Million capital investment while focusing on growing the state's workforce," says S. Davis Taylor, Vice President.

Sponsors for the event included The State, SC Department of Commerce, SC Department of Education, SC Employment Security Commission, SC Department of Social Services, SC Technical College System, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department and Catawba, Greenville, Lowcountry, Lower Savannah, Midlands, Pee Dee, Worklink, Santee-Lynches, Trident, upper Savannah, Upstate and Waccamaw Workforce Development Boards.

Commencing operations in May 2007, Thrace-LINQ, Inc. is a supplier of woven and nonwoven polypropylene-based geosynthetic technical fabrics for a wide variety of textile applications in the Americas. Our corporate office and United States manufacturing and distribution center is located in Summerville, South Carolina. Thrace-LINQ is a member The Thrace Plastics Group, owned by the thirty-year old industry veteran Thrace Plastics Co., SA of Athens, Greece. For more information please visit www.thracelinq.com.

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