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TEXEL TECHNICAL MATERIALS ACHIEVES NTPEP ACCREDITATION

Saint-Elzéar, January 15, 2017 – Texel is proud to announce that it has obtained the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) accreditation with the AASHTO for two of its geotextile fabrication facilities. The accreditation which was obtained following a qualification process and audits of its plants in Saint-Elzéar and in Sainte-Marie, covers Texel C Series geotextile products used in road construction and meets the specific needs of AASHTO M288. This accreditation is a prerequisite for the use of geotextiles on highway projects in most American states.

The NTPEP accreditation program, in place since March 2012, was developed in collaboration with the geotextile industry and various American transportation departments. This program is intended to assess in a uniform manner, the quality of geotextile products manufactured for use in highway applications in the United States. The program provides clients with the assurance that all geotextile products comply with the requirements, testing methods, and quality standards as prescribed by AASHTO M288.

"Achieving NTPEP accreditation is an important step in the pursuit of commercial development in our markets in the United States. This accreditation combined with the GAI-LAP certification of our quality control laboratory last year, confirms Texel's position as a leader in quality in the geotextile material manufacturing sector," said Danny Bérubé, Director of Geosynthetics at Texel Technical Materials Inc.

Founded in 1967, Texel Technical Materials Inc., a division of Lydall (NYSE:LDL) since July 2016, is recognized today as one of the major manufacturers of nonwoven materials for technical use in North America.

Over the years, Texel has become a master in the needlepunch technology and the transformation and finishing of nonwoven materials according to various sophisticated processes, which has allowed Texel to rank among the leading companies in nonwoven geotextiles in North America. Texel operates three manufacturing plants and a distribution centre, including dedicated pilot lines and a team of R&D professional and application specialists who are focused on optimizing product development. Texel products are marketed internationally via six key market segments: geosynthetics, filtration, transportation, industrial, medical-wipes, CIPP and two affiliated companies specializing in geosynthetic products (Afitex-Texel and Texel Geosol).

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