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Apache to set up manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh

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Taiwan-based manufacturer of adidas sports shoes Apache Footwear Limited has announced that it plans to set up a manufacturing facility in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. The company intends investing Rs5 billion ($112 million) in the plant, which will produce over one million pairs of shoes a month during the first year.

The unit will be set up in the Nellore district of the region and is set to create 30,000 jobs during the next three years.

Erich Stamminger appointed president of the adidas brand

09 January 2006

Adidas-Salomon AG has appointed Erich Stamminger as president and CEO of the adidas brand with immediate effect. In this newly created function, Mr Stamminger will be in charge of the adidas brand's business worldwide and report directly to Herbert Hainer, chairman and CEO of adidas-Salomon. All global functions and regional heads of the adidas brand will report to Mr. Stamminger.

Mr Stamminger was appointed to the executive board of adidas-Salomon AG in 1997. Since January 2000, he has served as board member responsible for global marketing. In January 2004 he assumed additional responsibility for adidas in North America as president and CEO of adidas America Inc.

He began his career at adidas in 1983 as head of market research for adidas Germany. In 1991, he became marketing director and in 1994 managing director of adidas Germany. He then moved to a regional role as senior vice president, Region Europe, Africa, Middle East in 1996. In 1998, Region Asia was added to his area of responsibility.

New Balance denies China allegations

09 January 2006

US sports footwear manufacturer New Balance has denied allegations made by the National Labour Committee (NLC) and China Labour Watch (CLW) that it uses a factory in China's Dongguan city that routinely makes employees work up to 96 hours a week with insufficient overtime pay. A statement made by the NLC and CLW last week claimed that New Balance and Wal-Mart use the Hongyuan factory that is accused of labour violations.

However, in a response to the accusation, New Balance said that it does not contract, nor has it ever contracted product at the Hongyuan factory and that the factory that does produce New Balance products is located in Houjie,

Dongguan City. The statement added that the factory in Houjie is closely monitored by a New Balance Compliance Team including a compliance manager for China and a compliance specialist and that workers producing New Balance footwear are limited to a maximum of 54 hours a week - which includes 40 regular working hours with a maximum of 14 additional overtime hours, all of which is voluntary.

Tefron announces public auction

09 January 2006

Israeli producer of seamless intimate apparel and active wear Tefron Ltd. has announced that it has rescheduled the public auction in Israel relating to the company's contemplated underwritten offering to the public in Israel to January 10 due to the uncertainty in the Israeli public market as a result of the health condition of the Prime Minister of Israel.

Tefron manufactures seamless intimate apparel, active wear and swim wear sold throughout the world by name-brands such as Nike, The Gap, Banana Republic, Target, Warnaco/Calvin Klein, Patagonia, and Reebok.

Reebok appoints brand president

09 January 2006

Reebok International has named Paul Harrington as president and CEO of the Reebok brand, effective immediately. Mr Harrington will report directly to Paul Fireman, chairman and CEO of Reebok International Ltd.

Mr Harrington previously served as the company's senior vice president of Global Operations and chief supply chain officer, responsible for all regional sales and marketing functions as well as the global supply chain organisation.

In his new role, he is responsible for the Reebok brand's business worldwide. The leaders of all of the brand's

global functions, including product and marketing, as well as the brand's regional heads now report directly to him.

Mr Harrington first joined Reebok in 1994 and has held several executive level positions. In November of 2004, he assumed responsibility for the Reebok brand's Europe and Asia regions and in August of 2005 he added the North American region to his role.

Bangladesh footwear industry targets Japanese market

09 January 2006

Bangladesh's Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has enlisted eight top footwear manufacturers to offer a technical assistance programme run by the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) to promote the Bangladesh footwear industry in expanding its market in Japan.

Under the short-term assistance programme, JETRO has offered to provide Bangladesh with technical assistance for 10 footwear companies to enhance their competitiveness in terms of quality production.

The companies involved are Apex Footwear Limited, Jennies Shoes Limited, Pickard Bangladesh Limited, Tropical Shoe Industries Limited, Lalmai Footwear Limited, Latherex Footwear Industries Limited, Surma Leather and Footwear Industries Limited and Toras Hued and Skin Limited.

According to JETRO officials, Japan wants to promote the Bangladeshi footwear industry as the country is able produce competitively-priced, quality finished products.

JETRO also plans to organise a Bangladeshi footwear fair in Japan to promote Bangladeshi products in the Japanese market.

AAFA and Avery Dennison launch 'RFID Savings Programme'

10 January 2006

The American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) has launched a new programme designed to help member companies implement Radio Frequency Identification technology (RFID) and save money at the same time.

AAFA has signed an agreement with Avery Dennison – Retail Information Services, a supplier of labels, tickets and tags to the Apparel & Footwear industry, to provide sharply discounted rates for RFID labels to AAFA member companies. These rates are available exclusively to AAFA members who are producers and providers of apparel and footwear products.

Under the agreement, Avery Dennison will provide Gen 1 RFID labels and also the new Gen 2 AD-220" label. AAFA members that need to meet RFID requirements can use these labels for shipments to customers such as Wal-Mart, Target, and the Department of Defence. Minimum orders can be as low as 5,000 labels.

The American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) is the national trade association representing apparel, footwear and other sewn products companies, and their suppliers.

Schoeller unveils new c-change system

10 January 2006

Schoeller Switzerland has unveiled a new waterproof, moisture and temperature balancing system, c-change, in its summer 2007 range, which has been added to many new outdoor styles.

Used in extremely lightweight textiles it is said to provide a second skin" feeling with great comfort and protection. Schoeller has also improved performance through its new stretch and non-elastic 3-layer fabrics with soft mesh liner for highly technical mountaineering gear and outdoor wear. These are comparably lighter weight (140-200 g/sq.m.) and are said to offer greater weather protection as thanks to the new c-change membrane, they adjust to the changing weather conditions, keeping the body pleasantly comfortable. Extensive elasticity also provides greater freedom of movement.

Lanxess butyl rubber production reduced due to supply problems

10 January 2006

Chemicals group Lanxess has had to cut back the production of butyl rubber at its Sarnia, Canada, site since the end of December 2005 in the continuing absence of deliveries from its major raw material supplier Nova Chemicals (Canada) Ltd. As a result, Lanxess is now issuing force majeure notices to its customers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Asia and South America. This situation will continue until Nova Chemicals is able to supply sufficient raw material volumes. Based on current information from Nova Chemicals, Lanxess expects to operate in this mode until the second half of January.

Nova Chemicals issued a force majeure notice in October 2005 regarding the supply of raw materials after problems arose in connection with maintenance and modernisation work at its Corunna plant, and has extended this notice several times. Lanxess' raw material inventories were used up at the end of December 2005 and the company has since been maintaining limited production by using raw material from its other supplier and buying available raw material quantities in the market.

The Butyl Rubber Business Unit also operates a second

production facility in Antwerp, Belgium, which is operating at full capacity.

Oakley Europe appoints new VP

10 January 2006

Oakley, Inc. has appointed Giuseppe Servidori as the company's vice president (VP) and managing director of Oakley Europe, its wholly-owned subsidiary. Mr. Servidori brings more than 15 years of experience to his new role and will oversee the company's European business operations including sales, marketing and operations. He will report directly to chief operating officer Link Newcomb.

Since November 2003, Mr. Servidori has served as senior vice president of Luxottica North America responsible for the sales, marketing, operations, product development and product distribution in the US, Canadian and South American markets.

Warnaco names president and CEO of Calvin Klein businesses

10 January 2006

The Warnaco Group, Inc. has announced that Gaetano Sallorenzo will join the company as president and CEO of Calvin Klein Jeans and Sportswear for Europe and Asia, beginning late January 2006. He will report to Frank Tworecke, Warnaco's Group President, Sportswear, and will be based in Florence, Italy.

As announced on December 20, 2005, Warnaco has entered into a definitive

agreement to acquire the licences and related assets of the wholesale and retail businesses of Calvin Klein jeanswear and accessories in Europe and Asia and the CK Calvin Klein "bridge" sportswear and accessories lines in Europe. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2006.

Mr Sallorenzo most recently served as a president of Giorgio Armani, North America, where he was responsible for the retail and wholesale businesses of all the Giorgio Armani brands. Prior to that, he was President of the Benetton Group, based in Treviso, Italy.

P2i names new chairman

10 January 2006

UK-based P2i Limited, a nanoscale enhancer of products using its proprietary cold plasma deposition technology, has appointed Dr Graham Hine as chairman of the board of directors with immediate effect.

Dr Hine has a successful background in advanced electronic materials, semiconductors and sensors. After gaining a degree and PhD in Physics at Cambridge University, Dr Hine's career began in the semiconductor division at Philips where he moved through technology development into international sales and marketing. From Philips, he went on to hold a number of senior business development and general management roles before becoming CEO of Capteur Sensors Ltd.

P2i Ltd. was established in 2004 to commercialise super liquid-repellent treatments developed by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) and the University of Durham. P2i is the exclusive licensee of Dstl's patents and is a joint venture between Dstl and Porton Capital. P2i's plasma technology enables it to deposit materials in layers only nanometres thick over the whole surface of a product by means of an ionised gas or plasma". This enables the surfaces of the product to be enhanced with a super oleophobic (oil repellent) and hydrophobic (water-repellent) treatment while leaving the other properties of the product unchanged. Now on a commercial scale, P2i's enhancement process can be applied to a wide range of products in the textiles, medical, pharmaceutical, electronics and homeland security markets.

Mandelson commits to solving China-EU trade issues

11 January 2006

European Commissioner Peter Mandelson, in a letter to the British Retail Consortium (BRC) director general, has acknowledged the concerns of the retail sector on China-EU trade relations, particularly the EU's intentions to impose antidumping duties on leather footwear and plastic bag imports from China.

The letter came in response to a written plea from the BRC and 13 of the UK's top retail CEO's before Christmas, for the European Commission to act now to avoid a repeat of the textiles dispute last summer. The BRC fears that should protectionist countries like Italy and France have their way, the price of a pair of Chinese made shoes could go up by about £5.

In the letter, Mr Mandelson said he has made China-EU trade relations one of the key priorities of his mandate and is committed to 'fostering growth in Europe by opening up our markets to competition'. He also agreed that anti dumping should not be used as an anti competitive shield against undesired imports.

The BRC is meeting China's Vice Minister for Trade, Gao Hucheng, on January 11 to discuss these concerns with the aim to preventing duties being imposed.

BASF launches Ultraphor AUX-NY to prevent yellowing of light-coloured textiles

11 January 2006

To prevent clothing from yellowing during transport and

storage, BASF has developed a new optical brightener Ultraphor AUX-NY.

Since many manufacturers produce garments in countries far from the markets where they are sold, shirts and T-shirts often have to cover thousands of kilometres before they end up on department store shelves. The long period of transport and storage packed in film can cause areas of yellowish discoloration on light-colored clothing. Known as storage yellowing, such areas occur especially at points where the film and fabric are in permanent contact. Colourless BHT – an additive in the packaging material – migrates onto the garment and reacts with nitrogen oxides from vehicle exhausts, producing a yellow nitro dye. The phenomenon is promoted by moisture and high temperatures.

BASF's Ultraphor AUX-NY prevents nitrogen oxides from combining with the BHT molecule, so that yellowing cannot occur and the textile retains its light shade.

Ultraphor AUX-NY can be applied to all textiles, both white and pastel-colored. It is silicone-free and does not stain. Since the auxiliary does not foam in the production process, no additional silicone antifoams are needed.

Furthermore, textiles treated with Ultraphor AUX NY meet the requirements of Oeko-Tex Standard 100 (Product Class I) and are completely safe to use on baby and children's clothing.

New brand for Bayer MaterialScience polyurethane systems

11 January 2006

Bayer MaterialScience AG will in future operate its global network of polyurethane systems houses under the new BaySystems umbrella brand. According to Peter Vanacker, head of the Polyurethanes Business Unit at Bayer MaterialScience, "With BaySystems we are creating a global customer service quality standard for our systems house customers.

At the same time, the new brand strengthens our worldwide systems house network. Customers all over the world can rely on a consistently high level of quality."

In Europe, the Spanish systems house Betapur has already been renamed BaySystems Iberia. BÜFA Polyurethane in Oldenburg, Germany, recently followed suit and is now operating under the name BaySystems BÜFA GmbH & Co. KG, effective immediately. The systems house Tectrade located in Denmark and Finland is now called BaySystems Northern Europe A/S. It will focus on customers in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries and, increasingly, on customers from the northern part of Eastern Europe. The Italian systems house Deltapur is also changing its name to BaySystems Italia S.p.A. In Nigel, South Africa, Bayer (Pty.) Ltd. also operates under the BaySystems umbrella brand and focuses in particular on polyurethane systems for the household appliances industry.

As for the USA, Polythane Systems Inc. (PSI), the company taken over by Bayer MaterialScience LLC in August 2005, will become part of the new BaySystems NorthAmerica LLC systems house. Bayer de Mexico S.A. in Santa Clara operates an integrated site for polyurethanes under the BaySystems umbrella brand, developing formulations for customers and manufacturing products from various polyol ranges. In South America, customers are served by the polyurethane systems houses in Maracay, Venezuela, and Belford Roxo, Brazil, both of which operate under the BaySystems umbrella brand.

Gola to manufacture apparel in Argentina

11 January 2006

British sports brandGola is to start producing some of its apparel in Argentina. Local company Etiqueta Negra has agreed a licensing deal with Gola to produce a range of casual clothing that will initially be sold in Argentina with a plan to gradually expand sales into other countries in the South American region.

Etiqueta Negra holds the license for Gola products in Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina.

It is hoped that an agreement will also be reached to sell Gola footwear ranges in Brazil through a partnership with Club Chocolate that operates a Brazilian chain similar to that run by Etiqueta Negra in Argentina.

Dickson introduces new temperature and humidity monitoring instruments

11 January 2006

According to US temperature, humidity and pressure recorder manufacturer, Dickson Company, inventory and other collections spoilage can now be minimised by using the company's new TH8 line of 8-inch Temperature/Humidity Chart Recorders and the new KT8 line of K-Thermocouple Remote Sensing 8-inch Chart Recorders. These TH8 and KT8 Chart Recorders have a number of added features making them more practical for protecting supplies, product inventory, archives, and other collections – from larger charts for readability, to smaller footprint designs, audio and visual alarms.

There are three different models of Dickson TH8 8" Temperature/Humidity Chart Recorders and five different models of KT8 K-Thermocouple Remote Sensing Chart Recorders, with each optimised for different humidity and/or temperature ranges. Users are able to interchange 24-hour, seven-day, or 31-day charts as desired, opt to display temperature or humidity, and specify preferred traceable calibration methods. Other benefits include: large digital displays viewable from 20-foot distances; large 8" Charts providing 84% more readable area than 6-inch designs; a compact and durable enclosure that is 41% smaller than previous

models; standardised and easily replaced k-thermocouple remote probes (in the KT8 models); remote probes ideal for tight locations, clean rooms, or incubators; dew point recording and display; and flip-up pen arm for easy chart and pen changes.

USA-headquartered Dickson Company was established in 1923 with the invention of the first portable compact temperature recorder, and today offers a wide selection of temperature, humidity and pressure recorders and data loggers.

Levi Strauss launches iPod compatible jeans

11 January 2006

The Levi's brand is to introduce a new range of jeans Levi's RedWire DLX Jeans designed to integrate an iPod. Available in autumn 2006, the jeans are designed for both men and women and are said to be compatible with most iPod systems.

Features include an iPod docking cradle which is built into the jeans and is "invisibly" housed within a side pocket; a special joystick incorporated into the jeans' watch pocket allowing the wearer to play/pause, track forward, track back and adjust the volume control without removing the iPod from the pocket; and a retractable headphone unit that has been built directly into the jean to help prevent tangles and efficiently manage the iPod earphone wires.

Under Armour opens European headquarters

11 January 2006

Under Armour, Inc., a US developer, marketer and distributor of branded performance products, has announced the opening of its European headquarters in Amsterdam and the promotion of one of the company's partners, Ryan Wood, to president of international.

Under Armour manufactures a line of moisture wicking microfibre apparel that pulls perspiration away from the skin to keep athletes cool, dry and light throughout the course of a game, practice or workout.

The company is an official supplier of performance apparel to the National Hockey League, the US Ski Team, USA Rugby, the National Lacrosse League, and Major League Lacrosse.

Everlast signs men's underwear licence agreement

11 January 2006

Everlast Worldwide Inc. has signed an agreement with H Best Ltd for the licensee's 2(x)ist division to develop and introduce Everlast men's/boy's underwear and men's loungewear and sleepwear. The new Everlast products, which will be launched this year, will be sold through US sporting goods retailers and department stores.

Mike Tawil, president of H Best Ltd and its 2(x)ist division, stated, "Everlast is the ideal brand name to help 2(x)ist further penetrate the market for men's underwear and related items. Everlast is a true American icon with connotations of youthfulness, strength, toughness, fitness and durability. In addition, it is a timeless brand and one that has become a staple in men's wardrobes."

Elbit Vision Systems to acquire Panoptes

12 January 2006

Israel's Elbit Vision Systems, Ltd., a provider of automatic optical inspection and quality monitoring systems, has announced that together with its wholly-owned subsidiary, ScanMaster Systems Ltd., it has signed an agreement to acquire the business, assets and shares of Panoptes Ltd – a developer of machine vision systems for surface inspection, technical fabrics, textiles, glass and other woven materials.

In connection with the purchase, EVS will issue 800,000 shares and pay cash royalties equalling 3.5% of sales of EVS optical inspection systems between January 2006 and the end of December 2008 to Ma'aragim - Panoptes' controlling shareholder.

Reliance reports positive results

12 January 2006

India's Reliance Industries Limited, active in oil and gas, petrochemicals (polyester, polymers, and intermediates), textile and other sectors, has reported unaudited results for the first nine months ended December 31, 2005.

Turnover increased to Rs62,676 crores ($13,913 million) against Rs53,324 crores for the corresponding period in the prior year, an increase of 18%; operating profit increased to Rs10,849 crores ($2,408 million) against Rs10,239 crores, an increase of 6%; and net profit rose 24% to Rs6,567 crores ($1,458 million) from Rs5,280 crores in the corresponding period a year earlier.

According to the company – the world's largest producer of polyester and yarn – the polyester sector improved as the price of PTA and MEG declined compared with the previous year. Improvement in cotton prices worldwide is expected to result in an increase in polyester price and demand. Domestic demand for both polyester and polymer products remained robust during the period under review, with polyester demand registering a growth of 10% and polymer growth of 21%, compared to corresponding previous period.

Saurer continues expansion

12 January 2006

Switzerland-based manufacturer of systems for spinning, texturising, twisting and embroidery Saurer Textile is continuing its expansion through a number of acquisitions and joint ventures.

At the end of December, Saurer founded a joint venture together with the Chinese company Jinsheng for the manufacturing of program units for staple fibre equipment and components. Saurer holds a share of 70% in the joint venture. According to Saurer the joint venture will allow it to further accelerate the development of its mid-range and low-end segments for ring spinning machines in Asia.

Saurer also acquired 100% of the capital of Fincarde Group, based in Biella, Italy in December. Fincarde offers an entire fibre preparation process plus carding equipment for woollen and worsted processes and carded nonwovens. The company will be integrated in the nonwovens technology platform of the Saurer business unit in Neumag.

Saurer has also increased its stake in Autefa Automation GmbH from 51% to 60%. Autefa manufactures packing systems and automation solutions for fibre production and processing; and it has acquired the fibre technology business of Gurit-Heberlein retroactively from November 1, 2005.

Nitches enters licence agreement for Dockers swimwear

12 January 2006

Nitches, Inc. has entered a licensing partnership with the Dockers brand from Levi Strauss & Co. for men's swimwear, graphic t-shirts, and casual knit tops.

Nitches currently distributes men's casual lifestyle clothing by Newport Blue, men's golf apparel by The Skins Game, and women's sleepwear by Body Drama.

Diolen expands capacity

12 January 2006

Netherlands-based manufacturer of high-tenacity polyester yarns Diolen Industrial Fibers is upgrading machinery and expanding capacity of its production facility in Emmen. After earlier investments in three machines in 2003 and 2004, a fourth was recently started up successfully and approval has been given for a fifth machine.

These investments expand production capacity at the plant in Emmen by 5,000 tons of polyester yarn. Emmen produces 40,000 tons of yarn annually.
The fifth machine is expected to go into operation in June 2006.

Kellwood names new VP of strategic planning

12 January 2006

Patrick J. Burns has been named Kellwood vice president of strategic planning and new business development. Prior to this new post, Mr Burns served as chief executive officer of Kellwood's Gerber Childrenswear division, and president of Kellwood Intimate Apparel. He joined Kellwood in 2002 as president of Gerber Childrenswear.

Before Kellwood, he spent 14 years with Sara Lee implementing long-range plans maximising brand equity and sales growth.

Kellwood markets apparel and consumer soft goods, specialising in branded and private label products.

India’s textile production rises in November

12 January 2006

According to statistics, released by India’s Central Statistical Organisation, the General Index for Industrial production in India rose 6.9% in November compared with the same month in 2004. The textiles industry reported one of the highest growth rates recording a 15.9% in textile products (including wearing apparel) and 13.3% in cotton textiles.

Warnaco announces preliminary 2005 results

12 January 2006

The Warnaco Group, Inc. has announced that it expects fiscal 2005 revenues to be approximately $1.5 billion, which represents a 5.7% increase over fiscal 2004.

The expected increase is less than the company's targeted high single-digit sales growth, primarily due to a decrease of higher margin swimwear sales in excess of $15 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005; fewer than expected replenishment orders of intimate apparel, sportswear and denim product offerings; and the company's inability to timely deliver product to meet demand for certain intimate apparel product offerings.

"Although these preliminary results demonstrate improvement over the prior year, we are nonetheless disappointed that we did not reach all of our financial goals for 2005," said Joe Gromek, president and CEO.

The Warnaco Group designs and markets intimate apparel, menswear, jeanswear, swimwear, men's and women's sportswear and accessories under brands including Warner's, Lejaby, Speedo, Ocean Pacific, and Chaps sportswear.

Nike Golf enhances counterfeit protection

13 January 2006

Nike Golf has launched the TUV Rheinland Group's Brand Protection Service for its golf club lines. The solution provides authenticity verification as well as product track and trace features using an Internet-based system. It is said to address multiple aspects of product control, risk management, and brand protection.

"We looked at a number of suppliers. TUV's platform approach has the advantage of not locking us into any particular marking or tagging technology and it enabled us to tailor the details to match our business," said Mark Sheldon-Allen, director global supply chain, Nike Golf.

Buckeye makes organisational changes

13 January 2006

US manufacturer of specialty fibres and nonwoven materials Buckeye Technologies Inc. has announced changes in the responsibilities of several senior officers effective February 1, 2006.

Mr. Paul N. Horne, currently senior vice president, Cotton Cellulose, will be appointed senior vice president, Product and Market Development, succeeding Mr. Jeffery T. Cook.

Mr. Douglas L. Dowdell, senior vice president, Nonwovens, will be appointed to the newly-created role of senior vice president, Specialty Fibres. Mr. Dowdell will lead the commercial operations for both Buckeye's cotton and wood specialty fibres, assuming the responsibilities previously held by Mr. Horne and Mr. Christian Chavassieu, senior vice president, Wood Cellulose. Mr. Chavassieu will resign from the Company at the end of February to pursue other business interests.

Mr. Marko M. Rajamaa, vice president, Nonwovens Sales, Europe and Middle East, will be appointed vice president, Nonwovens, succeeding Mr. Dowdell.

Suryalata to expand into weaving and processing

13 January 2006

India’s Suryalata Spinning Mills Limited, with facilities in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, has announced that it is to invest in a new plant so that the company can expand its activities into weaving and processing.

The company also plans to increase its spinning capacity, by adding 45,000 spindles to the 64,368 that the company already has.

Oxbow reduces production cycle by two weeks

13 January 2006

Textile and sportswear accessories manufacturer Oxbow is set to take two weeks out of its production cycle following its decision to implement QuestPLM (Product Lifecycle Management) business solution from Geac RunTime. The solution will allow all of the company’s divisions to use one single source of information that can be shared by everyone, and will hopefully optimise the management of processes and improve the control of its production cycles.

For its spring/summer 2006 collection, Oxbow can manage data segmentation of styles (by line, theme, market segment); descriptive and technical data (measurement table, construction instructions) specific to each style; styles schemas; illustrated variations of the various styles; and cost prices in a centralised and automated way:

The QuestPLM application is designed for brands, retailers and manufacturers in the textile and footwear industries. The application covers all the phases of the design, from the specifications of the product and technical drawings to the cost calculations of the supply chain, in particular during the pre-production process.

Pompea and Nilit launch new POY Production Line

13 January 2006

Italian hosiery, lingerie and activewear manufacturer Pompea S.p.A. and Israeli Nylon 6.6 producer Nilit Ltd. have announced the initiation of a new POY production line, through a joint venture called PNF. The new line is based on advanced POY nylon fibres, which Nilit will produce at its main production facility in Migdal Ha'emek, Israel.

Nilit's operation of the new line commenced in January 2006 and will increase its POY output by 15%.