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SOLENO TEXTILE ENTERS INDUSTRY 4.0 ERA WITH ITS NEW PRODUCTION LINE

Laval, January 25th, 2021 – Soleno Textile announced today the commissioning of a new production line that will allow the company to respond to the increasing demands of the nonwoven textile market and to participate, if need be, in the protective uniforms supply chain for the healthcare sector.

In order to add this new production line, Soleno Textile reconfigured its Laval facilities to increase the production floor by 15,000 ft². This new equipment acquisition, one of the most modern in North America, represents an investment of more than \$ 8M. The company can now count on the most recent technology in the nonwoven textile sector in Canada.

Innovation, robotization and automatization being at the heart of the company's strategy, this project is perfectly aligned with its continuous improvement process. This acquisition therefore brings Soleno Textile plant into the Industry 4.0 era, a clear vision established by the company during the last years.

"This was a very important project for the company. The acquisition of such technology requires much preparation. Nearly three years went by between the needs assessment, the equipment reception and the beginning of production. This hard work now allows us to serve our various business sectors - infrastructures, commercial and institutional, agricultural, residential and natural resources - but also the healthcare sector, if need be", said François Pépin, Soleno Textile general manager.

A truly remarkable feat

This new production line, which was initially set to start at the end of 2020 1st quarter, will allow the Quebec based company to considerably increase its production and to better serve its Canadian and American clientele by pursuing the development of new product lines for geotechnical, acoustic, horticultural and industrial applications. Ultimately, this important investment will help create five (5) new jobs at the Laval plant.

It's worth noting that late March, in response to the Call for Expression of Interest launched by TechniTextile Québec to supply the Ministry of Health and Social Services with protective uniforms, Soleno Textile, specialized in the development and production of non-woven textiles, solicited two other companies of the textile sector to combine their respective expertise to develop a laminated fabric intended for the production of level 1, 2 and 3 protective gown used by doctors, nurses, paramedics and maintenance staff. Within less than two weeks, the company transformed its supply chain et finalized all certification steps, while working to install its new production line from DILO, a German manufacturer

globally recognized for its state-of-the-art production lines. This project was brought to completion despite the challenges of the pandemic. A truly remarkable feat.

About Soleno Textile

Established in 1998, Soleno Textile, a division of Soleno inc., develops and manufactures nonwoven fabrics for geotechnical, acoustic, horticultural and industrial applications. The company's expertise is built on a research and development team, supported by operational management team composed of creative and audacious experts. These teams are dedicated to reinventing manufacturing methods in order to ensure the continuous improvement of their products. Soleno Textile holds many patents resulting from internal initiatives and collaboration with research centers. Always on top of the most recent technologies, the company is committed to respond to its partners' specific needs for innovative nonwoven textiles. Its team of 35 employees supports the development of tailored solutions responding to the most complex specifications and technical constraints. To learn more about Soleno Textile, visit us at solenotextile.com.

About Soleno

Leader in providing solutions for the control and management of storm water — Soleno, the only Quebec company in this sector — manufactures and distributes a wide range of products for the collecting, conveying, treating and storage of storm water for the industrial, commercial, residential, infrastructure, natural resources and agricultural development sectors. Most Soleno products are made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE), a lightweight and strong material with a service life that can exceed 100 years. These products are mainly manufactured in our Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu plant, in Quebec, and our manufacturing plant in Huron Park Ontario. Today, Soleno is a group of 4 business units, Soleno, Soleno Recycling, Soleno Service and Soleno Textile, and employs 500 workers. To learn more about Soleno, visit soleno.com.

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