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INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AT DOMOTEX 2007

Arnhem, the Netherlands (January 2007) - At Domotex 2007, Colbond, a leading producer of high-quality synthetic nonwovens, will be launching two innovative and environmentally sound primary backings for the carpet manufacturing industry. The two unique nonwovens, Colback SMR and Colback UMX, will help the industry make significant strides in **enhancing the environmental compatibility of tufted floor coverings**.

Colback SMR sets new standards for the environmental sustainability of primary backings. The product is the only nonwoven primary backing in the market today using **100% post-consumer recycled polyester (PET)**. The PET used in the manufacture of Colback SMR originates from bottle scrap and is sourced locally to minimize the impact of transport on the environment. Following extensive research and development work supported by industry partnerships, Colback SMR has the same characteristics and high performance as traditional Colback product types with the added benefit of helping carpet manufacturers to comply with the increasing demand for recycled content in floor coverings.

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Colback UMX, another product of extensive product development work, delivers greater environmental sustainability through more efficient use of virgin raw materials. With Colback UMX70, Colbond extends its nonwoven product range with a **high-performance low weight primary backing**. This 70g/m² backing is specifically designed to provide the properties needed in basic tuft applications and allows carpet tile manufacturers to choose a primary backing which optimally meets specific manufacturing demands whilst cutting raw material usage and helping to reduce costs.

Harry Verbakel, Sales and Marketing Director, Colbond says: "We are delighted to launch two new products in the Colback range at Domotex 2007. We aim to build on the successes of past trade shows, where we have seen increasing interest in the Colback range of high-performance nonwovens."

A substantial part of the Company's R&D work is dedicated to the ongoing development of environmentally sound manufacturing processes and products that reduce energy consumption, replace virgin raw materials with recycled ones wherever possible and maximize the efficient use of valuable virgin raw materials where their use is essential.

Colbond at Domotex: Hall 5, stand C18

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Colbond is a leading producer of high-quality synthetic nonwovens for flooring, automotive and construction applications, and three-dimensional polymeric mats and composites for civil engineering, building and industrial products.

Colbond is headquartered in Arnhem, the Netherlands, and employs some 580 people worldwide. Production facilities are located in Europe and North America.

Colbond came into being, originally with its nonwovens product line, at the end of the 1960s as one of the business units of former parent company Akzo Nobel. In 1994 the Geosynthetics group became part of Colbond. Akzo Nobel Fibers integrated into Acordis in 1999 and until 2004 Colbond continued its activities as a member of the Acordis Group. In January of that year Colbond separated from Acordis and in July 2006 was acquired by Low & Bonar PLC, an international group manufacturing specialty technical textiles.

The Company's core competency lies in its proven, proprietary technologies and its expertise in the extrusion, spinning and fleecing of various synthetic materials.

Colbond is structured in five global market segments which allow the Company to focus on its global business activities. These segments which cover Colbond's core markets include Flooring, Automotive, Construction Industry, Building and Industrial Products and Civil Engineering.

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Photos attached.

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Carpet tile on Colback SMR primary backing
Source: InterfaceFLOR, UK



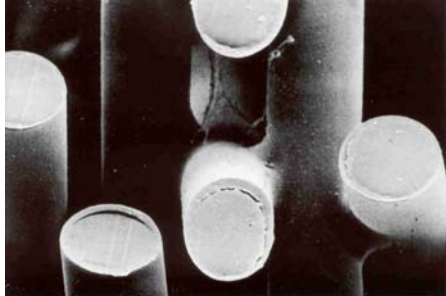
Colback: Wide range of nonwoven primary backings
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