

Unifi Signs Manufacturing and Distribution Agreement for REPREEVE

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Unifi, Inc. continues to expand its REPREEVE brand of recycled fibers through a manufacturing and distribution relationship with Palmetto Synthetics, LLC. Under this relationship, Unifi's REPREEVE chip, produced at the REPREEVE Recycling Center, will be purchased and processed by Palmetto into staple fiber and will be sold

under the REPREEVE brand name. This will provide the textile industry with a U.S. made REPREEVE staple fiber product option.

Available as either natural or solution-dyed polyester staple fiber, REPREEVE products produced by Palmetto will be NAFTA and Berry Amendment compliant. REPREEVE staple fiber is suitable in a wide range of applications, including apparel, military, denim, upholstery, industrial, medical, automotive and nonwoven products.

"We have a shared vision with Unifi to provide the textile industry with high quality, innovative products, which led us to this supply relationship," said David Poston, vice president of Palmetto Synthetics. "We have seen a big shift in inquiries for a domestically made recycled fiber, and this initiative with Unifi allows us to amplify our domestic efforts."

The products produced out of the REPREEVE Recycled Center are third party certified for recycled content claims through Scientific Certification Systems (SCS). Additionally, Unifi recently received the SCS Responsible Source certification; confirming that REPREEVE products are responsibly produced and in compliance with environmental and social regulations. Palmetto's NatureSpun product will be replaced with REPREEVE and any existing NatureSpun adoptions will be converted over to REPREEVE.

"Since 2007, we have continued to grow our product offering, helping to make REPREEVE a leading brand of recycled fibers globally," said Jay Hertwig, vice president, global branding at Unifi, Inc. "As we expand our REPREEVE polymer chip sales, we are now in a position to enter into new market segments and will provide the industry with a transparent recycled solution."