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WITH JPG: Tweave Inc. plant in Norton, MA,
is now part of Gehring Textiles, Inc.

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GEHRING TEXTILES PURCHASES TWEAVE, INC.

GARDEN CITY, NY, Nov. 5, 2008 — Gehring Textiles, Inc., a major manufacturer of warp knit and circular knit fabrics, has purchased the assets of Tweave, Inc., known for high quality woven 4-way stretch fabrics.

“In addition to producing American-made knits, we can now boast superior, proven American-made woven stretch fabrics,” said Skip Gehring, president of the 62-year-old family business.

Gehring fabrics are popular in many diverse markets, such as aviation and aerospace, military, homeland security and law enforcement, outdoor apparel, fire prevention and firefighting, electrical contracting, utilities, general industry, activewear, medical equipment and apparel, professional sports and high performance composites.

“We know that Tweave stretch fabric has enormous potential in many of these markets,” Gehring said. “Tweave is well-known and respected in fashion, sports and intimate apparel, but demand for its specialty woven fabrics exists elsewhere. At Gehring we know of industrial, medical and upholstery applications, and we see a huge potential in combining it with our GehringGuard Protective Fabrics in other booming markets.

Close to 90% of the 36-person weaving staff in Tweave’s Norton, MA, factory will continue in that facility, he said. Gehring has manufacturing facilities in upstate New York, and dyeing and finishing operations will be consolidated there. Gehring was founded in 1946, first serving apparel markets; Tweave was founded in 1951 and was the first weaving mill in the world to produce spandex fabrics.

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