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Enter the competition for the 2009 Techttextil and Avantex Innovation Awards by 20 March

The search is on for new ideas, visions and concepts

**Promoting the dialogue between research, manufacturers and
users**

On the occasion of Techttextil 2009, Messe Frankfurt is organising the Techttextil Innovation Award for the tenth time and the Avantex Innovation Award for the fifth time. To be held as part of the International Trade Fair for Technical Textiles and Nonwovens, the competitions are open to companies, institutes, universities, polytechnics and individuals from all over the world and entries must have been received by 20 March 2009. Thus, the search is now on for innovative solutions in the fields of research, materials and product development and new technologies that had been completed since 1 January 2008 and have not been awarded any other prize. The aim of the Innovation Awards is to promote unconventional thinking and to intensify the dialogue between research, manufacturers and users. Additionally, the award-winning developments will be presented to international trade visitors and exhibitors in a special exhibition at Techttextil in Frankfurt am Main from 16 to 18 June 2009.

Fields covered by the 10th Techttextil Innovation Award

The Techttextil Innovation Award is open for entries from the research field. Additionally, the Award will be given for new materials, products, production facilities, manufacturing and finishing technologies for use in the twelve Techttextil areas of applications, i.e., Agrotech, Buildtech, Clothtech, Geotech, Hometech, Indutech, Medtech, Mobiltech,

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Oekotech, Packtech, Protech and Sporttech. In line with the International Natural Fibres Congress, which is being organised by Messe Frankfurt parallel to Techtextil, the Award will also be presented for new materials and products for technical applications based on or combined with natural fibres. The developments must be connected with the production or use of technical textiles, nonwovens or textile-reinforced materials.

Fields covered by the 5th Avantex Innovation Award

The Avantex Innovation Award will be presented for, inter alia, new developments in connection with materials, technology, the processing and finishing of, for example, new fibres and yarns, new equipment, nano-technology and electronics in garments. Fashion aspects combined with new technologies and new materials, design concepts and aesthetic considerations play an important part in the competition. The fields are also implicit: medical applications using textiles and garments, combinations of comfort and functionality in sportswear and active wear, as well as innovations for safety and protection at work. It is important that the developments be related to the value-added chain of the garment-manufacturing industry.

If appropriate, more than one award will be given per field in the case of both the Techtextil and Avantex Innovation Awards. The Award winners will be selected by a jury of 13 international experts.

You will find further information on the Techtextil website at:

www.techtextil.com.

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Background information on Messe Frankfurt

With annual revenues of € 436 million (November 2008) and over 1,400 employees around the world, Messe Frankfurt is Germany's biggest fair and exhibition company. The corporate group has a global network of 29 subsidiaries, five branch offices and 48 international sales partners, which represent Messe Frankfurt in over 150 countries of the world. Events 'made by Messe Frankfurt' are held at over 30 venues worldwide. In 2008, the Messe Frankfurt group organised over 100 fairs, more than half of them outside Germany.

At present, the Exhibition Centre can boast 322,000 square metres of exhibition space with nine exhibition halls and a congress centre. The company is publicly owned with 60 percent being held by the City of Frankfurt and 40 by the State of Hesse.

Further information: www.messefrankfurt.com