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### **Foss Manufacturing Unveils Needle-punch Machine**

April 16, 2008, Hampton, NH- Foss Manufacturing Company, LLC, one of the world's largest needle-punch based manufacturers, recently unveiled their state-of-the-art needle-punch line, designed and built by industry leader, Erko-Trützschler.

State and local dignitaries attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony held to celebrate the unveiling of the new machine, named *Line J*. New Hampshire Governor, John Lynch, gave a champagne toast and helped Foss CEO, A.J. Nassar, cut the ribbon draped on the new machine. Governor Lynch also named Foss the winner of the "Innovation Rocks" program created by the New Hampshire Division of Economic Development's Business Resource Center, for their Fosshield product line, which safely and naturally inhibits the growth of destructive bacteria, and is also effective against some viruses. Other distinguished guests included former Governor, Gene Shaheen, and CEO of American Trützschler, Kurt Scholler.

The new machinery will ensure Foss's place as a leader in the non-woven industry by increasing the company's productivity and efficiencies. "The superior quality from the new line will catapult us into the future via the use of finer denier fiber and lighter weight fabrics. It will also allow us to maximize the exciting potential of our two key technologies, Eco-fi fibers and Fosshield antimicrobial fabrics" said David Rowell, executive vice president of sales at Foss.

#### **About Foss Manufacturing Company, LLC**

Foss Manufacturing Company, LLC located in Hampton, NH, is a vertically integrated producer of engineered, non-woven fabrics and specialty synthetic fibers. Using state-of-the-art production, they are unrivaled in their ability to efficiently and effectively design, manufacture, convert, package, and distribute a vast array of products worldwide. As one of the world's largest needle-punch based manufactures, Foss has both the expertise and experience to support customers' needs across virtually all applications and markets. For more information on Foss Manufacturing Company, visit [www.fossmfg.com](http://www.fossmfg.com).

#### **About Trützschler**

Trützschler, founded in 1888, is a family owned and globally active textile machinery manufacturing company. They specialize in the production of machinery and systems for spinning mills and the non-woven industry. As a technological and market leader, Trützschler offers a complete range from bale openers via blenders and cleaners to cards and draw frames. With Trützschler's business units Fleissner and Erko-Trützschler, they cover the entire fiber preparation process, from the bale opener to the tuft feeder. The high quality of Trützschler's products, service backed up by support centers in a number of countries, their exemplary spare parts supply system and the activities of the Trützschler sales team at fairs and symposia have helped to secure a global reputation for Trützschler products. For more information on Trützschler, visit <http://www.truetzschler.eu>