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**Thrace-LINQ Expands Quality Assurance Department, Adds Process Improvement**  
*Geosynthetics supplier expands, evolves in response to continued growth*

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. – February 23, 2011 – Thrace-LINQ, a supplier of woven and nonwoven geosynthetic technical fabrics, announces the expansion of its Quality Assurance Department to include Process Improvement, ensuring the control of all manufacturing processes and the highest quality products for its customers.

Leading the Process Improvement team is James H. Brown, quality assurance manager. With more than 15 years of Quality experience, he has served Thrace-LINQ since 2008 as the technical support liaison between the plant facility and various corporate support groups. Brown will continue to lead the Quality Assurance Department and will oversee all Process Improvement activities, including introducing new processes, satisfying customer demands, and achieving technical specification compliance.

“To become increasingly competitive and serve the changing needs of the market, we must continuously improve our manufacturing efficiencies,” said Thrace-LINQ vice president Davis Taylor. “James will lead the newly formed Process Improvement Department well, helping us focus on innovation and cost reduction through lighter fabric weights, faster speeds, and less waste.”

Reporting to James Brown will be the process improvement technicians, who will be responsible for assisting in the implementation of standard processes and new product development.

During the last two years, Thrace-LINQ has grown from a one needle-punched nonwoven operation to a two-line operation with a rapidly expanding portfolio serving the automotive, furniture, specialty, and industrial markets. For more information about Thrace-LINQ, call 1.800.445.4675 or visit [www.thracelinq.com](http://www.thracelinq.com).

**Thrace-LINQ:** Thrace-LINQ, Inc. is a supplier of woven and nonwoven polypropylene-based geosynthetic technical fabrics for a wide variety of textile applications in the Americas. Our corporate office and United States manufacturing and distribution center is located in Summerville, South Carolina. Thrace-LINQ is a member The Thrace Plastics Group, owned by the thirty-year old industry veteran Thrace Plastics Co., SA of Athens, Greece. For more information please visit [www.thracelinq.com](http://www.thracelinq.com).