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DuPont Personal Protection Launches New Line of Inherent Flame Resistant Fabrics for Electric Arc Protection *DuPont™ Protera™ Combines Comfort and Durability with Premium Arc Protection*

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 6, 2006 – DuPont Personal Protection, the maker of DuPont™ Nomex® and a leader in protective apparel for over 30 years, today introduced DuPont™ Protera™ – a new line of inherent flame resistant fabrics specifically engineered to protect against electric arc hazards and meet NFPA 70E Category 2 requirements.

In addition to providing wearers excellent arc protection, tests have shown that garments made with DuPont™ Protera™ fabric offer a high level of comfort when compared to flame-retardant treated (FR) cotton nylon blend fabrics on the market today. In fact, in a recent independent comfort study, wearers judged Protera™ the clear winner in overall comfort compared to FR cotton nylon blend garments of similar weight.

DuPont™ Protera™ garments will also have a better lifecycle value than less durable FR cotton nylon blend garments. That is because Protera™ is twice as strong as FR cotton nylon blend fabrics and it stays twice as strong even after 100 washings. And unlike chemically treated products, the thermal protection found in DuPont™ Protera™ is inherent and cannot be washed out or worn away. The fabric's flame resistance will not diminish through laundering or bleaching and will not require special laundry processing.

“DuPont™ Protera™ has a patented engineered fiber blend to produce one of the lightest weight and most comfortable NFPA 70E Category 2 fabrics on the market today. As a result, electricians in industrial segments as well as utility workers will now be able to work in more comfort without sacrificing the protection required,” said Dale Outhous, global business director. “By effectively leveraging our deep expertise in the field of thermal protection, we were able to develop DuPont™ Protera™ in a way that allows us to offer this remarkable fabric at an extremely competitive price relative to comparable offerings,” said Outhous.

Garments made of DuPont™ Protera™ fabric are expected to retain their professional appearance throughout extended use and repeated washings and are less likely to be damaged when compared to FR cotton nylon blend garments of similar weight. DuPont™ Protera™ comes in two fabric weights: 6.5 and 8.0 ounces per square yard. It is available in medium blue, khaki and navy blue colors.

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