

# FACTSHEET – DuPont LX Platform Products

## For the Leather tanning industry

LX Platform Products are a superior performing line of fluorotelomer products based on existing DuPont Teflon®, Zonyl® and Foraperle® chemistries used to make durable water-, oil- and stain-resistant products for use in leather drum tanning and spray coating applications.

### FEATURES

- Fewer impurities – greater than 97% reduction in trace levels of PFOA\*, its homologues and direct precursors
- Better color
- Equivalent or improved performance
- Cost effective

### OVERALL BENEFITS

- ❖ DuPont's new manufacturing process will remove greater than 97% of all trace levels of PFOA\*, its homologues and direct precursors from the LX Platform Products and the products will continue to maintain superior performance.
- ❖ LX Platform Products are expected to be drop-in replacement products that do not require new equipment or investments, causing no disruption or delay for customers.
- ❖ LX Platform Products will continue to be listed on existing global regulatory clearances, including the US (TSCA), Europe (EINECS), Canada (DSL) and Japan (ENCS).

### PRODUCTION

- LX Platform Products will be used across greater than 80% of the DuPont fluorotelomer line for soil-, stain- and oil- repellent products for the leather tanning industry.
- LX Platform Products will be available for customers in the first quarter of this year, and will increase in availability throughout 2007. LX Platform Products are expected to be priced in the same range as current offerings.
- DuPont has invested \$20 million with subsidiary, First Chemical, in Pascagoula, Miss., on a new manufacturing line to make LX Platform Products. The facility will use an innovative new technology -- developed and patented by DuPont -- to reduce nearly all trace levels of PFOA at a key intermediate step in the production process.

### LEATHER

LX Platform Products are expected to be drop-in replacements for existing DuPont Teflon®, Zonyl® and Foraperle® leather products to help protect the natural look of suede and leather goods – from footwear and apparel to furnishings and accessories. LX Platform Products will continue to offer leather products the same superior performance and benefits:

- Invisible long-lasting protective barrier against liquids, oils and dry soils
- Superior stain protection
- Reduced number of cleaning(s) required
- Maximum durability
- No changes in look, quality, feel or color of the leather

*\* Note: Telomer chemistry is not made with PFOA, nor is PFOA added during the manufacture of DuPont telomer-based products. However, PFOA is found at trace levels in some fluorotelomer products as an unintended byproduct of the manufacturing process.*