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Staff news at Sympatex Technologies:

Sympatex announces new Vice President for North America

Munich / Newburyport, 24th July 2015 – From now on, Derek Spingler will take over the position as Vice President for North America at Sympatex Technologies. The ecological alternative among functional textile specialists has hired Derek Spingler as an entrepreneur and businessman who has worked in the outdoor industry for over twenty years. In this role, Derek will be responsible for overall Sales and Marketing management with a special focus on creating and expanding existing and new business relations in Apparel, Footwear and Contract & Workwear.

Derek Spingler, who is 42 years old, founded and built a successful outdoor company, which he ran for the last 18 years acting as the director of sales and marketing. Throughout his career Derek has worked closely with the development and design of products for the outdoor, fishing and fly fishing industries. "Having worked in and developed products for the outdoors and the particularly harsh marine environment, Sympatex offers a unique and dynamic product line for a huge range of applications with very compelling physical properties associated with their membranes and laminates."

"We are very pleased that Derek Spingler, a very experienced sales and marketing specialist, will support the future growth of Sympatex Technologies in North America in a significant way", says Michael Kamm, CEO of Sympatex Technologies GmbH.

Derek Spingler is the successor of Stephen Kerns, the previous Vice President for Sympatex Technologies Inc. who is now heading for a new professional challenge while also helping with transition to Derek. "We would like to express our sincere appreciation for Stephen's special commitment and his outstanding professional dedication and achievements for Sympatex. In the past four years, he has greatly contributed to the enormous expansion of

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Sympatex in the US and in Canada. We wish him all the best in his private life and as much success with his future business ventures as he enjoyed with Sympatex”, says Michael Kamm, CEO of Sympatex Technologies.

**About Sympatex:
Guaranteed Green – The Sympatex recyclable membrane**

As one of the worldwide leading producers, Sympatex® Technologies has been a pioneer for high-tech functional materials in clothing, footwear, accessories and technical fields of application since 1986. Together with selected partners, Sympatex develops, produces and distributes membranes, laminates and functional textiles as well as finished products worldwide. The Sympatex membrane is optimally breathable, 100% wind- and waterproof and regulates the climate. It is 100% recyclable, bluesign® approved, received the „Oeko-Tex-Standard 100“ certificate, is PTFE-free and PFC-free. The technologies and procedures are based on the principles of ecological responsibility and sustainability with a special focus on the optimal carbon footprint. Sympatex Technologies is a German company with headquarters in Unterföhring near Munich with sales offices and production sites all over the world. www.sympatex.com

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