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Alandale Knitting Celebrates 50 Years of Innovation and Change

The circular knit manufacturer remains among the fastest, most efficient and flexible commission knitters in the United States by embracing the need for flexible production equipment and methods, producing difficult constructions at high quality, and innovating with technologies and processes.

TROY, NC – OCTOBER 10, 2016 –**Alandale Knitting, LLC**, a leading commission circular knit manufacturer, is celebrating a half-century of continuous operation at its Troy, North Carolina operations. Founded in 1966 by prolific textile industry innovator Alan Gutschmit, the company has transformed itself to successfully navigate a constantly changing domestic textile industry. Over the years, the mill has expanded to more than 225 machines with a production capacity of over 500,000-pounds per week. The key to this success is the company’s commitment to flexibility and speed that allows it to offer the wide range of capabilities, sizes and complex construction types needed to meet the diverse requirements of fashion, automotive, protective gear, industrial and technical textiles applications. The company will mark the milestone with a gathering of employees, suppliers and friends on October 29 at its 120,000 square foot facility.

According to **Alandale Knitting President Don Trexler**, *“While the U.S. textile industry has clearly had its ups and downs over the years, Alandale Knitting has always been recognized as the go-to provider for new and difficult constructions. Our ability to quickly deliver high quality, complex knit programs enables us to fulfill the needs of both new brands that are focusing on Made in USA goods and established companies that are looking for specific technical capabilities, extra capacity, or the benefits of reshoring. We are, of course, also accomplished in providing greige fabric programs to serve the needs of our clients that produce in the NAFTA and CAFTA-DR regions.”*

Alandale Knitting has long benefitted from the many inventions and process innovations set in place by its original founder. Upon his passing in 2001, Gutschmit had amassed eighteen U.S. patents for textile production systems that include the Filter Flow™ lint cleaning system, tools for detecting broken hooks and needles, a yarn threading apparatus, machine efficiency monitoring devices and more. All of these advancements remain in use at Alandale Knitting and support the company’s impressive speed, efficiency, quality, cleanliness, and flexibility.

About Alandale Knitting, LLC

Founded in 1966, Alandale Knitting is a commission manufacturer of circular knits for the fashion, military, protective gear, automotive/transportation interiors, industrial and technical textiles industries. With more than 225 machines in its 120,000 square foot mill in Troy, North Carolina, Alandale is the largest and most diverse domestic producer of single knits (jersey, piques, etc.), double knits (interlock, rib, etc.), fleece and other course and fine gauge, large and body size knit fabrics and textiles. Alandale Knitting is a member of the Coville, Inc. family of companies.