Unifi Announces Successful Visit From NC Governor Roy Cooper

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Visit builds further momentum for sustainable economic development

GREENSBORO, N.C., Jan. 23, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Unifi is proud to announce a successful visit from North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Governor Cooper toured Unifi's Yadkinville facility, and was able to see first-hand the economic impact the company is having on the state and nation. Unifi makes its REPREVE® fiber from recycled materials, including plastic water bottles, at its Yadkinville plant.



"We're honored that Governor Cooper was able to see how Unifi contributes good paying jobs for people in North Carolina," said Unifi Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Hall. "We've invested \$130 million over the past three years to deliver on innovation and our goal to reach 20 billion bottles transformed by 2020, and more than 30 billion by 2022 as we convert them into our REPREVE sustainable and performance fibers."

"We're also excited that we were able to show the Governor how sustainability can make a significant difference in our circular economy," added Hall. "We want to increase opportunities for North Carolina businesses to turn waste into value, thereby creating new revenue streams while continually and meaningfully reducing environmental impact."

The tour brought together government, business and university leaders from across the state, who were able to collaborate before the tour during a roundtable discussion. Those in attendance included:

- Tracey Dellinger, Regional Industry Manager, North Carolina Economic Development Partnership
- Susan Fleetwood, Executive Director of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce
- Glenn Jackman, Senior International Trade Manager, North Carolina Economic Development Partnership
- John Loyack, Vice President, Global Business Services, North Carolina Economic Development Partnership
- Michael S. Regan, Secretary Department of Environmental Quality
- Brad Ives, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Enterprises & Chief Sustainability Officer of UNC Chapel Hill
- Letitia Webster, VP of Global Corporate Sustainability for VF Corporation

About Unifi:

Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) is a global textile solutions provider and one of the world's leading innovators in manufacturing synthetic and recycled performance fibers. The Company's proprietary technologies offer increased performance, comfort and style advantages, enabling customers to develop products that perform, look and feel better. Through REPREVE®, one of Unifi's proprietary technologies and the global leader in branded recycled performance fibers, Unifi has transformed more than 10 billion plastic bottles into recycled fiber for new clothing, shoes, home goods and other consumer products. Unifi continually innovates to meet consumer needs in moisture management, thermal regulation, antimicrobial, UV protection, stretch, water repellency and enhanced softness with leading products such as Sorbtek®, XS™ Cross Section technology and Cotton-like™ technologyUnifi collaborates with many of the world's most influential brands in the sports apparel, fashion, home, automotive and other industries. For more information about Unifi, visit www.Unifi.com.

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Made by Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI), REPREVE® is the global leader in branded recycled performance fibers, transforming more than 10 billion plastic bottles into recycled fiber for new clothing, shoes, home goods and other consumer products. REPREVE is the earth-friendly solution to making consumers' favorite brands more environmentally responsible. Found in products from many of the world's leading brands including New Era, Levi's, Target and Ford. REPREVE fibers can also be enhanced with Unifi's proprietary technologies for increased performance and comfort. For more information about REPREVE, visit www.REPREVE.com, and connect with REPREVE on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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