



Unifi Celebrates the Grand Opening of Its REPREVE® Recycling Center

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YADKINVILLE, N.C., May 11, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- [Unifi, Inc.](http://www.unifi.com) (NYSE: UFI) celebrated the official opening of its REPREVE® Recycling Center on Wednesday, May 4th. This \$8 million investment will allow the company to expand production capacities of its REPREVE recycled fiber.

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REPREVE is a family of first quality recycled polyester and nylon fibers that can be used in a wide range of applications, including apparel, automotive, seating and paneling fabrics. Since its introduction in 2006, REPVE has grown from a single recycled polyester fiber into an entire brand of sustainable products. In the last two years alone, over 247 million post-consumer PET bottles have been recycled into REPVE. Unifi estimates to recycle over 400 million bottles into REPVE in 2012 in its REPVE Recycling Center.

The 50,000 square foot, state-of-the-art REPVE Recycling Center enables Unifi to recycle post-industrial and post-consumer polyester waste, and in the future, fabrics and garments. The goal of the facility is to expand production capacities and capabilities, improve fiber color and drive volume growth for improved economics.

"The opening of the REPVE Recycling Center solidifies Unifi's commitment to be the world's leader in the production of sustainable fibers," said Roger Berrier, president and COO of Unifi. "The REPVE Recycling Center was built using the latest state-of-the-art recycling technology providing us with flexibility to further expand the REPVE brand in new and innovative directions."

The Recycling Center has been constructed to convert waste materials into REPVE and the building itself was built with environmental benefits in mind. Sustainable features include:

- 67 skylights to take advantage of natural sunlight
- Light fixtures controlled by sensor technology to reduce energy use
- Low flow fixtures and motion sensors anticipated to reduce water use by 34%
- Many building materials were bought regionally and comprised of recycled content
- Energy Recovery Kit that captures and re-utilizes heat in the production of REPVE chip

About Unifi:

Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) is a diversified producer and processor of multi-filament polyester and nylon textured yarns and related raw materials. The Company adds value to the supply chain and enhances consumer demand for its products through the development and introduction of branded yarns that provide unique performance, comfort and aesthetic advantages. Key Unifi brands include, but are not limited to: AIO® - all-in-one performance yarns, SORBTEK®, A.M.Y.®, MYNX® UV, REPVE®, REFLEX®, MICROVISTA® and SATURA®. Unifi's yarns and brands are readily found in home furnishings, apparel, legwear, and sewing thread, as well as industrial, automotive, military, and medical applications. For more information about Unifi, visit <http://www.unifi.com/>, or to learn more about REPVE®, visit <http://www.repreve.com/>.

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