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**The technical textile materials and clothing industry is mobilizing to supply the health sector
in front-line protective uniforms**

Logistik Unicorp to coordinate production with industry players

Montréal, April 6, 2020 – The technical textile materials and clothing industry, represented by [TechniTextile Québec](#), [CTT Group](#) and [Vestechpro](#), is now ready to supply the health sector with front-line protective uniforms, including doctors, nurses, paramedic and maintenance personnel. As of today, [Logistik Unicorp](#) is taking over the coordination of the manufacturing of protective level 1, 2 and 3 gowns in collaboration with [Duvaltex](#), [Solenotextile](#), [Stedfast](#), [Texel Technical Materials](#), [Textiles Monterey](#), [Maxime Knitting](#) and CTT Group.

“In just 16 days, we were able to put in place a secure local supply chain capable of supplying the Québec and Canadian governments with disposable and washable solutions. The success of this initiative, undertaken in cooperation with CTT Group and Vestechpro, leverages the experience and expertise of an advisory committee made up of some ten textile materials and clothing manufacturers as well as research and technology transfer centers,” says **Dany Charest**, General Manager of TechniTextile Québec, the Technical Textile Materials Cluster, in charge to coordinate the concerted efforts of the industry until now.

Logistik Unicorp, a world-class integrator of uniforms and security equipment and the main supplier to the Canadian army, aims to launch production of protective gowns as soon as it receives official orders from the governments. “Our teams are in place to meet the demand. Textile manufacturers are already adapting their production to meet demand from the medical sector. Our supply chain is capable of producing up to 200 000 protective gowns every week. We are also currently evaluating the possibility of producing masks,” says **Karine Bibeau**, Vice-President, Sales at Logistik Unicorp.

A team effort

This initiative relies on the support of leading partners. Logistik Unicorp has mandated Vestechpro, a clothing research and innovation centre, to carry out the qualification of new suppliers and to validate the quality of the garments and the production capacity of the plants. In addition, the management of compliance testing protocols according to the AAMIPB70 standard for protection levels 1, 2 and 3 has been entrusted to the CTT Group. The protocols for level 4 are currently being developed. This technology transfer centre specialises in research, development and analysis of technical textiles, geosynthetics and advanced textile-based materials.

The sound advice of the advisory committee has proved invaluable in the implementation of this initiative. It includes representatives from the following companies: [Canadian Textile Industry Association](#), Duvaltex, [FilSpec](#), CTT Group, [Innotex](#), Logistik Unicorp, [Regitex](#), Soleno Textile, Stedfast, TechniTextile Québec, Texel Technical Materials, Textiles Monterey, Vestechpro and [SP Apparel](#).

About [TechniTextile Québec](#)

TechniTextile Québec, a cluster created in 2017, brings together industrial, technical, scientific and government stakeholders involved in the value chain of technical textile materials in Québec. The cluster's purpose is to foster partnerships with industrial, commercial and institutional organizations to create value, support innovation, boost commercialization and foster job creation from a sustainable development standpoint.

This hub of expertise, an initiative under the ACCORD project led by the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation, brings together companies and organizations from different areas of the economy that integrate textiles into their products — primarily the furniture, construction, defence, environmental, civil engineering, recreational, medical, safety, sports, transportation and technical clothing sectors.

About [Logistik Unicorp](#)

A Canadian leader in the managed services of uniform programs, Logistik Unicorp is a privately held company headquartered in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. Logistik provides high quality, innovative and functional clothing to more than 325 000 individual Canadian users in various government and corporate organizations, such as the Canada Border Services Agency, Canada Post, Correctional Services Canada, Parks Canada and the Department of National Defence (DND).

The objective of managed services is to provide the full range of functions of a program, all tailored to the client's needs: R&D, design, production, outsourcing, procurement, quality assurance, secure warehousing and distribution. Personalized account management and customized information technology solutions further enhance Logistik's offering. Through our subsidiaries in Germany, Tunisia, Australia, New Zealand and Vietnam, we serve a global clientele.

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