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Adams USA Gains Exclusive Distributorship of Innovative Antimicrobial for Personal and Team Sports Applications

COOKEVILLE, TN., Sep. 4, 2006 - Adams USA has signed an agreement with Chem-Tex Laboratories of Concord, North Carolina for the exclusive distributorship of Bac-Shield™ WS4 for personal and team sports applications. Bac-Shield™ WS4 is a Chitosan-based antimicrobial that has proved effective on treated articles against odor-causing organisms including common staph, MRSA, athlete's foot, ringworm, and other bacteria, molds and fungi.

Athletic facilities, equipment, apparel, towels and playing surfaces are excellent "host environments" for odor-causing microbes. Unlike disinfectants and sanitizers, which kill microbes but offer no lasting protection against recontamination, Bac-Shield™ WS4 imparts persistent antibacterial and antifungal properties to treated areas. Bac-Shield™ WS4 "fills the gap" between appropriate cleanings by protecting items while they are vulnerable during use.

Bac-Shield™ WS4's active ingredient is Chitosan, a biocompatible and biodegradable antimicrobial that is widely used in water treatment, medical bandages, cosmetics, and shampoos. Chitosan is manufactured from snow crab shells, an abundant and renewable natural resource. Despite its origin, Chitosan is hypoallergenic; it will not trigger shellfish allergic reactions. Chem-Tex Laboratories holds the EPA registration for Chitosan use in the United States. Bac-Shield™ WS4 is EPA registered under the "Treated Articles Exemption". (See 40 C.F.R. 152.25(a) for guidance about treated article claims.)

"For over 50 years, Adams USA has offered products directed toward the health and well-being of the athlete," said Gary Montgomery, a spokesperson for Adams USA. "This is just another example of our dedication in this area. Adams USA looks forward to making this product available to the athletes and their families through our network of equipment reconditioners and dealers."

Chem-Tex Laboratories President, Mike Smith concurred. "We are glad to have a partnership with Adams USA that will make Bac-Shield easily available to the athletic community, which has such an obvious need for an antimicrobial product with Bac-Shield's properties and its advantages over alternative products. As a treatment for equipment, clothing, and facilities, Bac-Shield is a great fit with Adams's commitment to the athlete."

With the addition of Bac-Shield™ WS4 to its product line, Adams USA offers an effective, ecologically responsible, versatile solution to the problem of providing persistent protection for equipment, clothing, and facilities against a wide variety of microbes. For more information, or to find an Adams USA dealer near you, visit www.adamsusa.com or call 800-251-6857.

About Adams USA

Adams USA, Inc. is one of the Nation's leading manufacturers of performance and protective equipment for a variety of sports. The company has been dedicated to quality, durability and innovation since Joe Adams founded it in 1952. Under the ownership of the current stockholders: Ray Abel, Garry McNabb, Vaughn Howard and Brian Howard, Adams USA, Inc continues to develop and manufacture new, state-of-the-art sporting goods products that meet the needs of athletes of all levels, from amateur to professional. Headquartered in Cookeville, TN, Adams USA, Inc. is the parent company for TRACE, Neumann, Bolco Bases, Gorilla Gold and Bucks Belts. For more information on Adams USA or its products, visit www.adamsusa.com.

About Chem-Tex Laboratories

Chem-Tex Laboratories develops and manufactures specialty chemicals for the carpet, textiles, paper, coated fabrics, and specialty surfactants industries. With operations in Concord, North Carolina and Calhoun, Georgia, Chem-Tex has specialized in meeting "just in time" needs throughout the Southeast USA since 1974. For more information about Chem-Tex Laboratories, visit www.chemtexlaboratories.com.

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