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W.E. Rawson, Ltd. Acquires CIPP Tube Manufacturer, Impreline Technologies

(Wakefield, England, August 20, 2001) W. E. Rawson Ltd., the parent company of leading CIPP tube supplier Applied Felts Ltd., has announced the completion of its purchase of Impreline Technologies. The acquisition encompasses the transfer of all equipment and expertise involved with the manufacture of Impreline tubes and associated textile components related to its installation process. Additionally, other covenants, including all rights to trademarks, are now the property of The Rawson Group. Commenting on the announcement, Alex Johnson, Managing Director of W.E. Rawson Ltd., stated, "We are very pleased to welcome Impreline Technologies to the W. E. Rawson Group of companies. The addition of Impreline opens new opportunities for us in particular market segments and will complement our existing Applied Felts business very well. The strengths of the Impreline brand coupled with the resources of a large textiles group such as Rawson will not only allow for Impreline to improve in such areas as delivery, R&D and quality control, but it will permit us to better serve our customers by extending the range of CIPP products we offer our ever-growing customer base. Impreline Technologies will continue to conduct business out of its current headquarters in Leicester, England and will operate as a separate division within the W.E. Rawson Group of companies. W.E. Rawson Ltd., established in 1865, is a highly specialized textiles group supplying quality engineered products and solutions to leading companies in the pipe rehabilitation, heavy-wear contract carpeting and bedding industries through cutting edge, needle-punch manufacturing technology and design.

About Applied Felts

As the world's leading felt liner manufacturer, Applied Felts has successfully relined more than 35 million linear feet of pipe using the cured-in-place pipeline (CIPP) rehabilitation process. Offering complete end-to-end custom manufacturing capabilities and products that are ISO-9002 certified, Applied Felts has more than three decades of expertise in the industry and is dedicated to ensuring its liners seamlessly integrate into your CIPP process. From the selection of the finest fibers and coatings to the finished product, every Applied Felts liner is custom-designed to meet exact specifications. In addition to its high-quality liners and accessories, Applied Felts offers attentive customer service that is unmatched. Great liners and great service are must-haves for any successful rehabilitation project. To learn more about Applied Felts, visit www.appliedfelts.com.

About Novapipe

Novapipe is a division of Lantor Inc., a worldwide technical textile group. Novapipe manufactures cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liners. Lantor, a former IPT Group Company, is a part of a group of technical textile manufacturers of high performance textile materials. Lantor supplies to the automotive, military, medical and aerospace industries.

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