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are bonded in such a fashion that loops are created on the "A" surface and the combination of microfiber and scrubby loops provide exceptional floor cleaning performance.

- **Stomp 'N Go Stain Lifting Pad**, from Bissell Homecare – Stomp 'N Go is a stain-lifting pad that removes carpet stains with a single "stomp." The user simply places one of the pre-moistened pads onto the spot, gives it a good stomp and then watches as the stain begins to absorb into the pad. Stomp 'N Go pads use an oxygen-based formula to lift and remove most spots and stains within 30-minutes.

Loparex expands in Thailand

Loparex will build a 380,000 square foot greenfield site to make siliconized paper and polymer films in Thailand. The new facility will support the company's commitment to delivering the industry's most innovative and diverse portfolio of release liners to automotives, electronics, applicants, composites and hygiene applications. Jan Hilbing, managing director Europe, will lead the construction and startup of the new plant, which will begin production by the end of 2012 and will feature solvent and solvent-free products, poly-coated liners and printing and slitting capability. In 2011, Loparex doubled capacity in China, and in 2009 investment in its Indian facility tripled that plant's output. "The new facility in Thailand will truly complement the facilities we have in

Gaungzhou and Silvassa with additional technical capabilities and, of course, enhanced service potential not only for the ASEAN region but also for our customers throughout all of Asia and the Middle East," says Andie Ho, managing director of Loparex – Asia-Pacific.

Legacy Converting is business award finalist

Legacy Converting, Inc. has been selected as a finalist in the Business of the Year 1 - 50 Employees category in the 2011 Business of the Year awards program. The award program, produced by NJBIZ, New Jersey's premiere business news publication, is presented by EisnerAmper, LLP and sponsored by Sun National Bank, K&L Gates and CIGNA.

"We are incredibly proud of being recognized for this prestigious award," says Jason Slosberg, president of Legacy Converting, Inc. "This accolade is a testament to our employees, customers and vendors that Legacy's culture of excellence is well received by all. We have grown significantly, nearly 1300% over the past three years, and being recognized by NJBIZ furthers our commitment to a winning combination of hard work, innovation and obsessive customer service."

Legacy Converting, Inc. is a New Jersey-based manufacturer that produces private label and Everwipe branded lines of nonwoven and paper disposable wiping products for the medical, hospitality, technology,

and food service industries.

The Business of the Year awards program celebrates New Jersey's most dynamic businesses and business leaders who share a commitment to professional excellence, business growth and the community. Finalists and winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges including: Jerry Creighton, New Jersey Institute of Technology; David Finegold, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations; Debbie Hart, BioNJ; Tim Lizura, New Jersey Economic Development Authority and Joan Praiss, New Jersey Technology Council.

TTU brings high school students to TAPPI

The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH) at Texas Tech University has made history for the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industry's (TAPPI) nonwovens division by involving of high school students in its cotton nonwovens research.

Kahan Chavda, a senior from St. Mark's School of Texas; Aarav Chavda, a junior from St. Mark's School of Texas; Ronald Kendall Jr., a senior from Lubbock, CO, High School; and Luke Kitten, a senior from Lubbock Trinity High School in Colorado, participated in the research.

The research from these high school students contributed to the work on oil absorption by cotton nonwovens and was presented at TAPPI's recent nonwovens conference in Atlanta.

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"This is a very significant achievement," says TAPPI president Larry Montague. "To my knowledge this is the first time that high school students were specifically targeted and brought to an event like TAPPI." The students not only attended the conference but also participated in the program sessions, as well as interacted with professionals already working in the nonwovens industry.

"In the five years I have been with TAPPI, I have not seen a group like this prior to TIEHH's outreach program," Montague says. "The attendees for this conference were very impressed with how these students dressed and interacted with some of the industry's best and brightest."

TIEHH's research focuses on West Texas cotton, specifically the 10% of cotton that, due to the weather in the region, doesn't fully mature and must be sold at a discounted rate.

"What our lab thought two years back was why can't we take this discounted cotton and find new market opportunities for that cotton," says Seshadri Ramkumar, associate professor of nonwoven materials and countermeasures to chemical threats.

Vinit Singh, a graduate student at Texas Tech, found that the discounted cotton absorbs more oil than higher quality cotton. Utkarsh Sata, a postdoctoral associate in Ramkumar's laboratory, guided Chavda brothers this summer to find added applications for cotton nonwovens.

"I became interested in it a few years back when Fibertect started getting some recognition," Ron Kendall says. "I get to do some cool things out here which makes it fun to talk about with people and gets some of my fellow classmates interested in it."

Freudenberg recycling efforts lead to growth

Freudenberg's focus on recyclable innovations has led to the company adding a number of jobs to its nonwovens business. Additionally, the company's innovations including everything from mattresses and wallpaper to brooms and automotive interiors are keeping 377 million plastic bottles out of landfills each year and, from a business