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TUFF-N-LITE'S PRO-AIR SOCK APPROVED BY NHL

Receives Clearance for use in NHL games

Conover, NC (September 4, 2014) – Tuff-N-Lite®, a division of Conover-based Supreme Corporation that manufactures patented cut, slash, and abrasion resistant safety clothing, received word that its Pro-Air sock and other apparel has been cleared for use by the National Hockey League Operations Department in NHL games.

The Pro-Air sock was introduced in June at the Annual Meeting of the Professional Hockey Athletic Trainers Society (PHATS).

"Based on the NHL's review... the Tuff-N-Lite®, Pro Air Skate Socks, Jersey and Sock Cut Resistant Liners are cleared for use by NHL Players," reads the Sept. 3, 2014 letter to Tuff-N-Lite managers from Kris King, Vice President of NHL Hockey Operations. "NHL General Managers and Equipment Managers will be so advised."

"We were very confident from testing and performance results, and from the reaction at PHATS, that the Pro-Air sock and our other protective apparel will become an important part of professional hockey," said Matthew Kolmes, executive vice president of Supreme Corp. "This new cut-resistant technology is a game changer."



The new lightweight protective sock is manufactured using breakthrough, patentpending, lightweight, cut-resistant fabric. Pro-Air is available in medium and large sizes.

The PHATS Annual Meeting was held June 19 in Orlando, FL. It is dedicated to providing educational and problem solving opportunities for athletic trainers and equipment managers at every level of professional and collegiate hockey.

Launched in 2007, Tuff-N-Lite® has quickly emerged as the worldwide recognized leader in engineering and manufacturing cut, slash and abrasion resistant technology into performance textiles. Its patented innovation protects people across the globe in industrial safety, law enforcement, athletic and military environments everyday.

Over the last seven years, Tuff-N-Lite® has changed the way consumers and workers look at safety clothing by providing apparel that is more than two times stronger than aramid fiber clothing while providing unparalleled safety, comfort and durability.

Tuff-N-Lite® unique safety apparel protects lives in the areas of industrial safety, sport and street motorcycling, police and military activities, and fast-paced sports such as ice hockey and speed skating. Tuff-N-lite® products are currently used all over the world including police forces in Kanagawa, Japan, factory workers in Mexico, glass manufacturers in the United States and by athletes participating in the recently concluded Sochi Olympic Games in Russia.

All Tuff-N-Lite® products are created with Supreme Corporation's innovative composite yarns at their state of the art manufacturing facility in Conover, North Carolina.

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, Supreme Corporation is a leader in innovation in textile, yarn and protective apparel products. Located in Conover, NC, all Supreme's products are engineered to the highest standards at its vertically integrated facility.

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