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**PALLAS TEXTILES LAUNCHES COMMON GROUND
COLLECTION**

CHICAGO – Pallas® Textiles introduces Common Ground, its first collection from award-winning designer Lucy Aiken-Johnson. Pallas Textiles will display Common Ground in the showroom it shares with KI, Ste. 1181, at the 2007 NeoCon® World's Trade Fair. Aiken-Johnson developed the collection with three consistent design qualities in mind - emotional response, richness of materials and timeless design of patterns.

“When creating Common Ground, I was inspired by work in the healthcare market that has been influenced by spa treatment facilities, and hospitality and residential design projects,” said Aiken-Johnson. “I focused on the needs of that market – the way the upholstery textiles are used, the performance requirements, the importance of creating a ‘family of colors’ across the collection that complements upholstery applications, and our industry’s collective desire to have more sustainable products.”

The four patterns that make up the Common Ground collection can be used independently or in combination to achieve beautiful results. Common Ground offers patterns and colors that complement existing finishing standards, giving designers additional options for aesthetics and performance. Common Ground also creates a tie back to earth with each pattern named after one of Mother Nature’s creatures and contains environmentally friendly aspects:

Holy Cow: This faux leather replaces poly vinyl chloride (PVC), a known carcinogen, with a more eco-friendly polyurethane. It is also affordably priced at less than \$30 a yard. Holy Cow is available in 20 colorways to complement the other patterns in the collection: Super White, Sandy Beach, Foggy Gray, Brown Bag, Sock Monkey, Golden Nugget, Mocha Chinos, Chocolate Truffle, Thunderstorm, Carbon Copy, Nighttime Navy, Seaside Blue, Frosty Blue, Greener Pastures, Alligator Green, Mossy Meadows, Citron Sun, Sea Misty, Sassy Plum and Red Devil.

Turtle Neck: The pleated construction of this pattern evokes the feeling of a warm sweater on a crisp fall day. Constructed of a solution-dyed yarn, Turtle Neck is offered in 12 colorways, including Sock Monkey, Golden Nugget, Mocha Chinos, Chocolate

Truffle, Thunderstorm, Carbon Copy, Nighttime Navy, Seaside Blue, Greener Pastures, Citron Sun, Sassy Plum and Red Devil.

Work Horse: Inspired by the comfort and quality of knits and the technique used to weave it, Work Horse is a two-color, small-scale texture that can be used multiple times without showing any signs of wear and tear. Constructed of a recycled solution-dyed yarn, the fabric is available in 15 colorways including Sock Monkey, Golden Nugget, Mocha Chinos, Chocolate Truffle, Thunderstorm, Carbon Copy, Nighttime Navy, Seaside Blue, Greener Pastures, Citron Sun, Sassy Plum and Red Devil. Work Horse and Turtle Neck are both constructed of a recyclable solution-dyed yarn.

Busy Bee: Designed as a graphic texture with overlaying floral elements, Busy Bee reflects what a flower might look like from a bee's-eye point of view. A timeless floral design mirrors the intricate delicacy of lace. The fabric is available in 12 colorways, including Sock Monkey, Golden Nugget, Mocha Chinos, Chocolate Truffle, Thunderstorm, Carbon Copy, Nighttime Navy, Seaside Blue, Greener Pastures, Alligator Green, Sassy Plum and Red Devil.

“Common Ground further represents our commitment to developing innovative collections that feature high-end design, versatility and sustainability,” said Dean Lindsley, vice president of operations and product development, Pallas Textiles. “We are passionate about the Common Ground collection and look forward to future collaborations with Lucy Aiken-Johnson.”

The Common Ground collection is durable, cleanable and appropriate for almost any application. With more than 100,000 double rubs and woven solution dyed fibers, Turtle Neck, Work Horse and Busy Bee are beautiful upholsteries that retain their good looks even under heavy use and cleaning with harsh cleaners. Turtle Neck, Work Horse and Busy Bee all use Nano-Tex[®] technology, a superior first line of defense against moisture and staining.

About Pallas Textiles

Named for Pallas Athena, Greek Goddess of Weaving, Pallas Textiles was established in 1988 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of KI. Pallas Textiles is structured on design-driven principles. The creative balance between sound business management and responsible design intelligence is personified by the Pallas design team. Collections include textiles for contract upholstery and panel systems, wallcoverings, textiles for healthcare environments and casements. The Pallas designers work within a system that considers each design and colorway as an individual unit as well as a variable within its own schema. Thus, the entire Pallas Collection is designed to harmonize with the total interior environment and its furnishings. For more information, visit www.pallastextiles.com.

About KI

KI manufactures innovative furniture and wall system solutions for education, healthcare, government and corporate markets. The employee-owned company is

headquartered in Green Bay, Wis. and operates sales offices and manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. KI tailors products and service solutions to the specific needs of each customer through its unique “Market of One” customer service and manufacturing philosophy. For more information, visit www.ki.com.

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