

PRESS RELEASE

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INVISTA invests in Parafricta™ fabric

The worldwide potential for clinical applications of Parafricta™ Fabric has been recognised by INVISTA, a subsidiary of Koch Industries Inc.

INVISTA, a global, integrated polymers and fibres manufacturer, has recently made the first of a series of agreed investments in APA Parafricta Ltd, a U.K. company involved in developing and commercializing low-friction technologies, including its proprietary PfFragile Skin Protection System™.

In clinical tests, this system has been shown to reverse the effects of pressure ulcers, commonly known as bed sores. Bed sores represent a significant and increasing cost to healthcare systems worldwide due to demographic trends in age, obesity and chronic illnesses.

The investment will be used in projects to expand use of Parafricta™ fabric in clinical applications globally as well as helping to develop a portfolio of innovative products for the PfFragile Skin Protection System™.

“INVISTA is focused on supporting the development of products that create long-term value for customers and society,” said Jeff Brown, vice president of INVISTA Performance Surfaces and Materials. “We believe Parafricta™ products offer an innovative and cost-effective solution to a problem that currently costs health care providers millions of pounds and negatively affects the quality of life of countless individuals.”

INVISTA, headquartered in Wichita, Kan., U.S., delivers exceptional value to its customers through technology innovations, market insights and a powerful portfolio of global trademarks including LYCRA® fibre, STAINMASTER® carpet, COOLMAX® fabric, ANTRON® fibre and CORDURA® fabric.

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Information for Editors

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APA Parafriicta's patent-protected **Pf Fragile Skin Protection System**[™] is based on its **Parafriicta**[™] **Fabric**, which is unique in that its friction coefficient is very low, with static and moving friction coefficients equal (so-called absence of "stiction" – this means absence of a jerk or "snatch" when one surface begins to move against another, which is the origin of damage to skin). In addition it is strong and durable, and when it becomes soiled it can be washed at high temperatures, essential in the healthcare setting, without altering its characteristics in any way. This combination is unusual for a fabric and is the basis of a series of products developed that will bring significant benefits to people with compromised skin – such as pressure ulcers and Epidermolysis Bullosa. In these conditions, the reduction of friction and shear achieved by **Parafriicta**[™] achieves a significant reduction in damage at the skin surface and in underlying tissue.