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Ansell Takes License for Nitrile Gloves

RED BANK, NJ and LEXINGTON, MA--(Marketwire - April 29, 2009) - Ansell Healthcare Products LLC, of Red Bank, NJ, and Tillotson Corporation, of Lexington, MA, today announced that Ansell has taken a license under the Tillotson Patent for disposable Nitrile Gloves, in the U.S. and in Europe, and will begin to mark its packaging with the Tillotson Patent numbers. Their agreement also settled all disputes between the companies and their affiliates relative to the manufacture and sale of such gloves. Neil Tillotson and Luc DeBecker developed this glove technology in 1990, and Tillotson Corporation was granted a patent in 1997, when Mr. Tillotson was 98 years of age. The Tillotson patent teaches how to produce a synthetic rubber glove that relaxes after being donned and comfortably conforms to the contours of the wearer's hand. All other terms of the license are confidential.

Tillotson's Vice President, Rick Tillotson stated, "We are very pleased to have Ansell join the 32 U.S. and international licensees of our patent."

Ansell Ltd. is a global leader in healthcare barrier protective products. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying sexual health products and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at www.ansell.com.

Tillotson Corporation was started by Neil Tillotson, after selling his new invention, the world's first latex balloons, at the Patriot's Day Parade in 1931.

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