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## **Crypton® Strengthens Commitment to Research and Growth**

*Innovative Chemist Michael Grigat Hired as Vice President of Research and Development*

**Bloomfield Hills, Michigan – January 27, 2016** – The Crypton Companies and Nanotex®, leading providers of performance fabrics in contract, home furnishing and apparel, today announced the appointment and promotion of two seasoned executives to help continue its commitment to research and growth. Michael Grigat has been hired as the new Vice President of Research and Development and Hardy Sullivan has been promoted to Vice President of Market Development. Both work in the company's Kings Mountain, NC research and manufacturing facility.

Grigat joins Crypton from Rudolf-Venture Chemical, Inc., where he was the Technical Director responsible for market expansion of the company's chemical product range in the US, upgrading environmental and product safety procedures and the planning and coordination of a new plant site.

"Michael has extensive knowledge of surface protective polymers and we look forward to leveraging his know how to constantly improve upon our existing technology as well as create new performance platforms to offer our customers the most advanced products in the world," says Craig Rubin, Chairman of Crypton. "Hardy's new role is vital to Crypton and Nanotex as we expand globally. Having led the introductions of Wick+Block™ to the NFL and the award-winning Crypton Revl™ vinyl, he has a proven track record for expanding Crypton's offerings."

Grigat's responsibilities at Crypton and Nanotex include overseeing all aspects of chemistry development. He will work closely with suppliers to develop "best in class" performance, utilize his extensive industry knowledge to create new, cutting edge formulations that will provide the framework for both Crypton and Nanotex to bring leading performance properties to the industry.

Prior to Rudolf, Grigat held senior positions at several major chemical companies including Clariant and Hoechst-Celanese, where he led the research and product development of new fluorine-based protective agents, specialty polymers and textile specialty chemicals. Grigat holds several patents for treating textiles, carpets and floor coverings. He is an active member of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC).

In his new role, Sullivan will be responsible for identifying and developing new markets and applications for all Crypton Technologies. In addition to his focus on Market Development, he will maintain responsibility for advancing Crypton's sustainability efforts.

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### **About The Crypton Companies**

The Crypton Companies have patented and branded environmentally responsible textile performance solutions since 1993. The company's flagship product, Crypton Fabric, revolutionized the use of fabrics in the healthcare, hospitality, government, education and contract segments. Crypton Home fabric is a leading provider of fabrics for the home furnishing industry and available at national retailers. In 2014, Crypton acquired Nanotex, which was among the first to market nanotechnology solutions for textiles when it was founded in 1998. Since that time, Nanotex technology has been significantly enhanced, integrated with DNA markers to protect against counterfeiting and is being re-launched through a new integrated marketing and promotion campaign. For more information on The Crypton Companies, please visit [www.crypton.com](http://www.crypton.com) and for Nanotex, please visit [www.nanotex.com](http://www.nanotex.com).