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Klopman develops new multi-protectivewear fabric for Italian Red Cross

In the event of a national or regional disaster, Italian voluntary organisations such as La Croce Rossa (Red Cross), ANPAS and Misericorde can be relied upon to respond immediately to provide the necessary experienced and accident-trained personnel through their nationwide network of bases.

Often putting themselves at great personal risk, it is vital that the clothing worn by these front-line personnel offers the optimum protection appropriate to the incident.

The contract for this highly specialised clothing has been awarded to leading Italian garment manufacturer Technical Equipment. It includes an extensive range of extremely functional yet stylish garments constructed in a new multi-protective fabric specifically developed for the purpose by Klopman International, Europe's leading manufacturer of workwear and protectivewear fabrics.

Conforming to both EN 1149-1 for anti-staticity and prEN 13034 for liquid chemical splash, the fabric combines the advantages of a unique conductive filament with Klopman's expertise in advanced static dissipative yarn technology. It also features the innovative Hydrofoil finish – an exclusive Klopman formulation which utilises Du Pont Teflon® fabric protector.

The anti-static filament, protective finish and finished fabric all have exceptional long-term durability characteristics, making these new garments ideally suited for both domestic or industrial laundering.

In addition to the performance and protective attributes, the fabric's inherent comfort characteristics, which are provided in part by the natural elasticity of the weave, were considered to be of equal importance. For this reason Klopman have used a special polyester fibre (Pontella®) and yarn construction to ensure that the garments have optimum breathability and wicking qualities.

As a direct result of the success of this application, the new fabric, a 180g/m² tight-woven polyester, is to be added to Klopman's extensive portfolio of advanced protectivewear fabrics.

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