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**MARCBOWER TO SERVE AS DESIGNER JUDGE AND HONOREE
FOR 2008 RADICISPANDEX "STRETCH TO THE FUTURE"
DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
AT THE FASHION SCHOOL, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**THE UNDERFASHION CLUB TO SPONSOR LINGERIE
CATEGORY AWARD**

Gastonia, NC, April 7, 2008 --- RadiciSpandex Corp. proudly announces that celebrated couture designer Marc Bouwer will serve as the Designer Judge and Honoree for the 2008 edition of the "Stretch to the Future" Design Scholarship Competition to be held in April with the junior class of The Fashion School of Kent State University. Additionally, RadiciSpandex welcomes the intimate apparel trade organization The Underfashion Club as sponsor of the lingerie category award, which has been reintroduced to the competition.

Mr. Bouwer will lead a judging panel of fashion industry experts including journalists from consumer and trade publications, textile executives, retailers, RadiciSpandex representatives and members of the Underfashion Club. The judging will determine the winners of four scholarships. A "best of" scholarship will be awarded in the categories of eveningwear/fantasywear, swimwear, and lingerie. A Grand Prize will then be selected from all garments submitted across all categories. Mr. Bouwer will receive the "Stretch to the Future" Designer Honoree Award at a reception to be held in May in New York City at the Italian Trade Commission, where the winning designs will be unveiled.

"We are especially proud this year to be joining forces with the likes of Marc Bouwer and The Underfashion Club for 'Stretch to the Future'," said RadiciSpandex Corp. CEO Marty Moran. "We're pleased to give the design students at Kent State University the opportunity to interact with an icon like Mr. Bouwer, who has set the standard for glamorous gowns in Hollywood and among socialites. We also are happy to bring back lingerie as a category in our competition with the support of The Underfashion Club, which is renowned for its support of fashion education. Lingerie is a very important customer base for us and we're excited to spotlight it among young designers once again."

“I’m very happy to accept this honor from RadiciSpandex and Kent State University,” said Marc Bouwer. “I have always felt very strongly that the fashion community must invest in its future talent and I find it highly commendable that RadiciSpandex and the Underfashion Club show such dedication to encouraging and supporting design students. I’m looking forward to the judging ceremony in April.”

Created in 1999, the “Stretch to the Future” Design Scholarship Competition inspires the creative development of design students while educating them about the technical aspects of garment construction using fashion fabrics containing a highly technical fiber such as RadiciSpandex. Each year, RadiciSpandex invites a well-known designer to head up the “Stretch to the Future” judging panel of apparel industry experts. Previous recipients of this honor include Betsey Johnson, John Varvatos, Nicole Miller and Carmen Marc Valvo, among others.

About Marc Bouwer

A perennial favorite of Hollywood’s most glamorous women, including Angelina Jolie, Charlize Theron and Halle Berry, among others, celebrated couture designer Marc Bouwer virtually defined red carpet glamour. Working for legendary designer Halston at the start of his career, Marc mastered the art of draping, which became the hallmark of his career --- a distinction dubbed “athletic glamour” by industry purveyors and international press. The Marc Bouwer collection is cut and made by hand, one to two pieces at a time. Both his commissioned pieces and retail collections are handled in this same traditional bent. The extraordinary fabrics with which Marc creates his distinctive, form-fitting “bathing suit gowns” include uniquely modern combinations of sensuous jersey, cashmere, silk crepe, lace, and velvet with detailed beading. Marc has dubbed his designs “deceptively simple.”

About Kent State University

Since its founding as a teacher-training school in 1910, Kent State has become an engine for economic, cultural and workforce development in the region and beyond as one of the premiere Ohio colleges. The university also has earned acclaim for applying new knowledge to address the needs of the communities it serves and society as a whole through a vast array of continuing education courses and much more. In addition to its campus in Kent, OH, The Fashion School, Kent State University has two outpost studios --- one in Florence, Italy, and the recently opened New York City garment district location. Fashion students have the opportunity to study abroad or in New York City for one semester in either studio.

About The Underfashion Club

A not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, the Underfashion Club was established in 1958 to provide intimate apparel industry leaders with a forum to exchange information and ideas, a platform to discuss industry needs and problems, and a way of establishing the intimate apparel market as a vital aspect of the fashion industry.

About RadiciSpandex Corp.

Based in Gastonia, NC, RadiciSpandex Corp. is a U.S. subsidiary of The Radici Group, an Italian entity that employs over 4,100 employees at 38 production units worldwide. The Radici Group is today one of the most active Italian chemical groups on an international level whose diversified business activities focus on chemicals, plastics, fibers, textiles and auxiliary activities. Synthetic fibers (nylon, polyester, polypropylene and spandex/elastane) are the core activity of the group with the main fields of application being: apparel, home furnishings, automotive and

sports as well as cutting-edge materials for technical uses. For more information on RadiciSpandex and The Radici Group, visit www.radicispandex.com and www.radicigroup.com.

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