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**CTC Groupe propose two seminars at
APLF Materials, Manufacturing and Technology**

CTC, the leading global resource providing quality assurance solutions for the footwear and leather goods industries, invites the leading industry clients to assist to its 2 seminars during the fair *APLF Materials, Manufacturing and Technology* which will be held from 31 March to 2 April 2008 in Hong Kong.

> **Yves Morin**, new CEO of **CTC Groupe** will present the CTC activities with the presentation "*CTC Groupe, Over 100 Years of Expertise in Footwear, Leather and Leathersgoods*". CTC assists suppliers, manufacturers and retailers in improving quality. CTC expertise is constantly updated with its competitive intelligence system. CTC offers a network of 150 specialists in a wide range of fields including: analysis and testing raw materials and final product, R&D, training, environmental services, audits and inspections.

The conference will take place on Monday 31 March from 13:30 to 13:50 in room 606 on the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (Harbour Road Entrance).

> **Dr. Jean-Claude Cannot**, Director of Sustainable Development of **CTC Groupe** will present the much awaited conference "*REACH and Finished Products*". REACH is a new European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use. It gives greater responsibility to industry to manage the risks from chemicals and to provide safety information on the substances. Manufacturers and importers will be required to gather information on the properties of their chemical substances. This seminar will focus on finished products (footwear, garments) and how to interpret and implement the new law.

The conference will take place on Tuesday 1st April from 11:30 to 12:30 in room 608 on the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (Harbour Road Entrance).

CTC Asia will be present at APLF MMT fair
from 31 March to 2 April 2008
in booth 1CC01.

About CTC...

MORE THAN A CENTURY FOR QUALITY

CTC rely on a 100 years expertise to go with manufacturers, distributors and retailers of leather, footwear, leather goods and gloves. CTC services are customizable for all clients from small companies and start-ups to global corporations.

A GLOBAL NETWORK

The 180 employees of CTC spread out 20 international subsidiaries located in France, Spain, Germany, Portugal, the United States, Tunisia, China, Hong Kong and Vietnam. CTC is the leading global resource providing quality assurance solutions, consultancy and training for the leather, the footwear, the leather goods and the glove industries.

The strategic alliance concluded with STR® allows CTC to develop the same expertise in quality assurance for textile and clothing. A unique partnership with BioMechanica® reinforces the offer for research and testing services in the biomechanics field and innovation for sports shoes.

GLOBAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS

CTC offers global solutions guaranteeing that ensure the quality, the performance and the innocuousness of clients' products:

- Factory and social audits.
- Pre-production, in-line, pre-shipment and loading inspections.
- Physical, biomechanical testing of raw materials and finished goods.
- CE marking of Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) gloves, footwear, clothing.
- Chemical testing of raw materials and finished goods.
- Consultancy: quality systems, clean technology, safety in factory, innovation, product and manufacturing process development, rapid prototyping, technologic intelligence.
- In-company professional training and at CTC European campus based in Lyon.
- Information, publications, technical and pedagogical books, web portal (www.ctc.fr), data bases, video, competitive intelligence services.
- International standardization.
- Study and research: leather and tannery, sustainable development, traceability and counterfeiting, information and communication technologies and visionic, comfort, industrialization.

CTC delivers the foremost expertise setting new standards for innovation and QA services in a global market place.

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