



**Unifi Expands the REPREVE® Product Offering with the Introduction of
REPREVE Polyester Staple Fiber**

100% Recycled Polyester Staple Fiber is the Newest Addition to the REPREVE Family

GREENSBORO, N.C. – January 16, 2009 - Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) continues to expand its REPREVE brand product offering with the launch of REPREVE polyester staple fiber. REPREVE polyester staple fiber is made from 100% recycled materials for use in spun yarns, including Open-End, Ring and Jet Spun.

Leveraging the knowledge and experience gained from the development and commercialization of REPREVE polyester and nylon filament products, Unifi is now able to offer a first quality 100% recycled polyester staple fiber. The new REPREVE product is designed to provide the industry with a reliable recycled staple fiber source that can be used as a "drop-in" replacement for fabrics and products currently made with virgin polyester staple fibers or other eco-friendly products.

"Based on the success that our customers have had using our REPREVE filament products, they began encouraging us to expand our recycled product offering to include polyester staple fibers," said Roger Berrier, executive vice president for Unifi. "In 2008, estimated global polyester staple fiber consumption was approximately 20 billion pounds. Based on this global consumption opportunity, Unifi accelerated the introduction of this new environmentally-friendly fiber as part of the company's mission to provide the industry with sustainable textile solutions."

Please visit Unifi at booth 62021 at the Outdoor Retailer Winter Market, being held January 22-25, 2009 at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah. Or to learn more about REPREVE, visit the new website www.repreve.com.

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About Unifi:

Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) is a diversified producer and processor of multi-filament polyester and nylon textured yarns and related raw materials. The Company adds value to the supply chain and enhances consumer demand for its products through the development and introduction of branded yarns that provide unique performance, comfort and aesthetic advantages. Key Unifi brands include, but are not limited to: AIO® - all-in-one performance yarns, SORBTEK®, A.M.Y.®, MYNX® UV, REPREVE®, REFLEX® , MICROVISTA® and SATURA®. Unifi's yarns and brands are readily found in home furnishings, apparel, legwear, and sewing thread, as well as industrial, automotive, military, and medical applications. For more information about Unifi, visit www.unifi.com, or to learn more about REPREVE®, visit the new website www.repreve.com.

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