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### **Researchers receive top technical paper award at IFAI Textile Technology Forum**

(Roseville, Minn. USA, 18 December 2001) - John Hearle, Tension Technology International Ltd.; Ian Overington, retired (Bae) and Martin Overington, industry consultant, recently received the 2001 Technical Fabrics Excellence Award for their paper entitled, "Non-contact Strain and Deformation Measurements in Yarns, Ropes and Fabrics."

The paper was published and presented at the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) Textile Technology Forum, an annual event devoted to the most recent innovations and research findings in the technical textiles industry, on 17 October 2001. The forum is co-organized by IFAI and Textile Institute in the United Kingdom.

"We have deliberately held off publicizing anything on this work until we could demonstrate the practicalities of the subject matter discussed," said Martin Overington. "Winning this award shows that we were right to do this and that the ideas are now mature enough to be seen to be of huge potential benefit to this and other industries."

The Technical Fabrics Excellence Award, which was presented for the first time at IFAI Expo 2001 in Nashville, Tenn., USA is given to a paper that demonstrates the highest achievement in originality of topic, proven technical findings, innovative research methods and technical writing standards.

The 2002 Technical Excellence Award will be awarded at the IFAI Expo 2002 Textile Technology Forum on 23 October 2002 in Charlotte, N.C., USA.

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