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**Michael Apperson, President & CEO, American Fibers and Yarns Co.
Elected AFMA Chairman**

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 9, 2007 — At the close of its annual meeting, the Board of Directors of the American Fiber Manufacturers Association announced the election of Michael Apperson as the new Chairman of the Association for the coming year. Apperson is President & CEO of American Fibers and Yarns Co. He succeeds Zach Zacharias, President of Unifi-Sans Technical Fibers, LLC, who remains a member of the Association's Executive Committee.

Henry Poston, President, Palmetto Synthetics, was elected as AFMA's new Vice Chairman. He will also serve as Chairman of the Association's Executive Committee.

The AFMA Board elected as its Treasurer for the coming year Basil (Sonny) Walker, President of Nylstar, Inc. In addition to Apperson, Poston, Walker and Zacharias, the other elected members of the AFMA Executive Committee are: David MacMahon, Vice Chairman, Formed Fiber Technologies, Inc., Joseph Tucker, Wellman, Inc., and David Trerotola, President, INVISTA Apparel.

The American Fiber Manufacturers Association is the trade association for U.S. producers of manufactured fiber. The Association's Fiber Economics Bureau is the official source for data on the U.S manufactured fiber industry. Information on AFMA's activities, members, and products is available on the Association's website: www.fibersource.com.