

**DUVALTEX LAUNCHES ITS NEW OCEAN WASTE CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™
TECHNOLOGY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STEELCASE**

Quebec City, QC, November 2, 2020 - [Duvaltex](#), a global leader in Contract Textiles and [Steelcase](#), the global leader in office furniture, are introducing Intersection, an exclusive Steelcase screen and panel fabric.

Every year, several million metric tons of plastics enter our oceans. By partnering with SEAQUAL® initiative, Ocean Waste CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™ transform ocean waste into amazing textiles, contributing to the collective effort to clean our oceans and reduce plastic pollution worldwide.

All Ocean Waste CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™ are made with post-consumer recycled polyester that include SEAQUAL® YARN made from plastic ocean waste. SEAQUAL® initiative collaborates with fishermen, NGO's, and several other stakeholders to collect waste and clean our oceans. The waste collected is subsequently categorized, separated, and cleaned. Plastics are processed and upcycled into polymer to be used as yarn, which is then transformed to create the industry-leading sustainable Ocean Waste CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™. For every pound of textile produced, up to half a pound of waste is removed from our oceans.

Duvaltex CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™

Duvaltex has honed extensive expertise to become a leading manufacturer of sustainable textiles for over 20 years and has achieved several industry firsts in terms of sustainability. "As a sustainability pioneer, we have a responsibility to inspire our industry to preserve our planet for future generations." says Alain Duval, CEO of Duvaltex.

Ocean Waste CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILE™ is the second advanced technology released under Duvaltex's CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™ sustainability brand umbrella, following the ground-breaking NeoCon Award-winning 100% fully biodegradable textile in 2019. "Our aim with CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™ is to reduce the environmental impact of textile manufacturing as much as possible by innovating the way products are sourced, manufactured and disposed of at the end of their useful life. Every action with CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™ is designed with sustainability in mind." says Mr. Duval. For more information, visit duvaltex.com/cleanimpact.

Presenting Intersection

Intersection is the first Ocean Waste CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILES™ product to be launched and is the result of a collaboration between Duvaltex and Steelcase. Partnering with SEAQUAL® initiative, Duvaltex and Steelcase worked together to transform ocean waste plastics into beautiful textiles. "When Duvaltex came to us, they had this incredibly beautiful fabric that not only met all of our technical needs as it relates to application and screen design, but also had this incredibly

important environmental story," says Kari Miller, Product Manager for Global Surface Materials at Steelcase. Like every Ocean Waste CLEAN IMPACT TEXTILE™ developed, **Intersection** is designed and manufactured for recyclability, allowing designers to design without compromise.

Beyond its positive environmental impact, Intersection is designed with a small crisscross pattern woven alongside a subtle pucker, providing a unique three dimensional visual. Boasting a fresh and contemporary color palette, Intersection comes in 17 beautiful colors. Now available in North America, it can be applied to a wide range of screens and panels, including VIA, Mackinac and Steelcase Flex. For more information visit duvaltex.com/cleanimpact/steelcase.

A rich history of collaboration

Duvaltex and Steelcase share a strong commitment to sustainability and environmentally consciousness. This has led Duvaltex and Steelcase to forge a rich history of collaboration over a span of 25 years. This includes a Cradle to Cradle™ product in 2005 and a Closed Loop program in 2011, as well as the more recent New Black textile collection, created entirely from Steelcase scrap fabric.

About Duvaltex

Duvaltex is North America's largest office furniture textile manufacturer and leading protective textiles provider. By enhancing people's well-being and safety, Duvaltex specializes in the design and production of advanced textile solutions and sustainable textile materials. Duvaltex is committed to changing the way products are made, used and reused, creating value for future generations. For more information, visit duvaltex.com.

About Steelcase Inc.

For over 108 years, Steelcase Inc. has helped create great experiences for the world's leading organizations, across industries. We demonstrate this through our family of brands – including Steelcase®, Coalesse®, Designtex®, Turnstone®, Smith System®, Orangebox® and AMQ®. Together, they offer a comprehensive portfolio of architecture, furniture and technology products and services designed to unlock human promise and support social, economic, and environmental sustainability. We are globally accessible through a network of channels, including over 800 Steelcase dealer locations. Steelcase is a global, industry-leading, and publicly traded company with fiscal 2020 revenue of \$3.7 billion.

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