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**PARIS HEALTHCARE LINEN SERVICES – DUBOIS & WILLIAMSPORT, PA
PLANTS RECEIVE INDUSTRY ACCREDITATION
NATIONAL INSPECTION ASSURES CUSTOMERS THAT HIGHEST QUALITY AND SAFETY
STANDARDS ARE MET**

DuBOIS, PA – Paris Healthcare Linen Services, DuBois & Williamsport, PA plants, have received accreditation – the industry’s highest rating on quality and safety – from the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC). In addition, Paris Companies recently received accreditation of its Ravenna, OH plant. Thus, all three Paris plants are now accredited.

HLAC is a non-profit organization that inspects and accredits laundries processing healthcare textiles for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities.

HLAC’s mission is to publish high standards for processing healthcare textiles in laundries, and to provide an accreditation process that recognizes those laundries that meet these high standards. The decision to become accredited is completely voluntary.

“Becoming accredited makes us a better company. Plus, it gives our customers peace of mind to know that their provider is meeting the highest standards in processing healthcare textiles,” says David Stern, President & CEO, Paris Companies.

“The customers we serve, predominately acute-care hospitals, are used to dealing with agencies, vendors and people who have accreditation,” Stern said. “It’s the right thing to do if you are in the business of processing and providing healthcare textiles.”

The primary benefit of accreditation is that an independent third party has inspected the laundry facility and found that it meets or exceeds the highest standards for processing healthcare textiles. A laundry cannot inspect and accredit itself, and its customers generally do not have the time or expertise to do so.

The HLAC accreditation process was developed with several industry groups including:

- * American Reusable Textiles Association (ARTA)
- * Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
- * International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM)
- * National Association of Institutional Linen Management (NAILM) and
- * Textile Rental Services Association of America (TRSA).

For more information on Paris Companies and Paris Healthcare Linen Services, go to www.parisco.com. For more information about HLAC, go to www.hlacnet.org.

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