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**STOKO® Skin Care and  
RDA Advantage Announce Partnership**

GREENSBORO, N.C. (May 1, 2009) – STOKO® Skin Care, a world leader in away from home skin care and hand hygiene and RDA Advantage, a progressive group of independent redistributors across North America announce a new partnership.

RDA Advantage will begin stocking STOKO products throughout its network of 17 member companies. The partnership compliments RDA Advantage's broad offering of products for the janitorial and food service markets and allows distributors to purchase STOKO products in smaller quantities.

“At a time when many distributors need to keep lean inventories and place smaller, more frequent orders, this partnership creates better ROI for our distributors and a win-win for everyone,” says Mark Lyle, Executive Director, RDA Advantage. Jeff Heeren, VP with RJ Schinner, an RDA Advantage member company adds further, “My first experience with the STOKO® line was with a janitorial supply distributor. I’m delighted about the opportunity that this provides our group as well as the end users of our distributor partners!”

Effective May 1, 2009 RDA Advantage will begin rolling out the STOKO® program throughout its 17 member companies, encompassing 32 distribution centers. Through its unique set up, RDA Advantage can provide regional market expertise on a national basis and STOKO® can provide global skin care expertise to address local end user needs.

“Our companies are dedicated to growth and innovation,” comments Mike Adams, National Accounts Manager for STOKO® Skin Care. “Our quality product line fits perfectly with RDA Advantage’s solid reputation for superior quality, top notch service, and competitive pricing.”

“It is the combined strengths of each company that forges this partnership and ensures the future success,” says Ron Shuster, Product Line Director for STOKO Skin Care. “RDA Advantage and STOKO Skin Care share the same business values. We both agree that business should be conducted with integrity and are passionate to serve our customers well and be the best in all that we do.”

**ABOUT RDA ADVANTAGE**

**RDA Advantage** is comprised of 17 of the largest independent wholesalers in North America that provide a wide range of janitorial, industrial, maintenance and food service products. The group is strictly wholesale, and does not sell their products to end-user accounts of any kind. RDA Advantage provides over 6,000 items to distributors throughout their own specially designed programs and those of their suppliers. Most of their products are available on a just in time basis through a network of more than 31 regional distribution centers strategically located in the United States and across Canada. [www.rdaadvantage.com](http://www.rdaadvantage.com)

**ABOUT STOKO SKINCARE**

Evonik Industries’ leading product line, STOKO® Skin Care is headquartered in Greensboro, NC for the North American Market. It is a leading provider of skin care and hygiene products and programs for the away-from-home market. With research and development facilities in Krefeld, Germany, and manufacturing and

distribution locations around the world, the company leverages a vast international network to develop the most technologically advanced products in the industry. [www.stokoskincare.com](http://www.stokoskincare.com)

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