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FOREWORD

This is INDA's first report on the **Nonwovens Industry in India**. The report is divided into two sections: **Section 1** provides an overview of India, including population, people, customs, trends, gross national product, economic performance and other useful information to executives considering expansion in the country. This section also provides various market entry strategies. In brief, it is a primer on how to enter the rapidly expanding Indian market and how to do it safely and successfully.

Section 2 is an analysis of the 2007 nonwovens industry of India with an outlook to 2012. The nonwovens information is a compilation of data provided by major industry roll goods producers in India, government sources, consultants and various companies involved in the emerging Indian nonwovens industry. This report analyzes the current consumption of nonwovens and related nonwoven products, either produced domestically or imported. A forecast through 2012 is provided for the significant nonwoven markets and discusses important trends that are driving consumption.

The report analyses the major markets for nonwoven disposables: absorbent hygiene, premoistened baby wipes and medical; and durables: interlining, automotive, home furnishings and bedding, agricultural crop covers, roofing components, needlepunched carpeting, geotextiles and coated/laminated substrates. Several markets that are normally analyzed in our North American reports – filtration, sorbents, shoe components and electronics – were not studied due to their current small size in India.

INDA's mission is to promote the growth and profitability of the nonwovens industry. It is also our goal to serve the worldwide interest of our many members and consumers of nonwovens' and related industries' products.

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