

# Media Advisory

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## **Bolger & O'Hearn products now on ZDHC list of approved chemistries for global textile industry supply chains**

**(July 24, 2018, Fall River, MA, USA....)** With the recent collaboration between bluesign® and ZDHC, several of the chemistries developed by Bolger & O'Hearn Specialty Chemicals are now listed on the official ZDHC list of approved textile industry chemistries.

ZDHC is a global sustainability leader at the forefront of effectively phasing out hazardous substances from the supply chains serving the textile, apparel, leather and footwear industries, according to materials from ZDHC. The guidance documents and tools of ZDHC, such as the ZDHC Manufacturing Restricted Substance List (ZDHC MRSL), the ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines and the ZDHC Gateway platform have become a major industry reference for holistic sustainable chemical management.

bluesign® is now the first established Level 3 Accepted Certifier for ZDHC MRSL Conformance.

Chemistries developed by Bolger & O'Hearn that are now approved by bluesign® and ZDHC include Stormproof/Breathable™ OmniBloq™ -- an advanced DWR technology engineered to keep apparel dry and consumers comfortable, *even when exposed to pounding wind and rain* – and Altopel F3, an advanced fluorine-free water repellent.

"Bolger & O'Hearn has a long-standing commitment to environmentally preferable chemistry and we are excited to be associated with the force that the ZDHC brings to the outdoor industry," said Shawn Honeycutt, Bolger & O'Hearn Sales Manager.

The team from Bolger & O'Hearn will be at Summer Outdoor Retailer in Denver, Colorado, this week - July 23-25, 2018 - to meet and discuss how their new Stormproof/Breathable™ OmniBloq™ DWR technology can help brands provide stormproof performance apparel and gear for their consumers.

OmniBloq's Stormproof/Breathable™ capabilities represent an entirely new DWR category for the performance industry. Simply put, Stormproof/Breathable™ garments have been engineered to deflect heavy, wind-driven rain, yet are lightweight and allow perspiration to evaporate. Applied at the factory, this technology is now ZDHC-approved.

## **About Bolger & O’Hearn**

Since its founding in 1969, Bolger and O’Hearn has been selling uniquely efficient and consistently high-quality chemicals. Its personalized service approach has been the pillar of its success. From its traditional beginnings in the textile industry, B&O has expanded into paper coatings, non-wovens and other non-textile manufactured products, all of which find applications in a wide range of industries. Today its diverse and comprehensive product line – totaling over 2,500 products – is sold and distributed globally. Committed to a zero-carbon future, B&O currently produces its products using renewable energy. The solar voltaic array on its facilities allow it to displace more than 100,000 pounds of carbon each year. To learn more, go to [bolgerohearn.com](http://bolgerohearn.com).

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**OmniBloq™ logo available on request.**

## **About Bluesign®**

Since 2000, bluesign® has used a scientific chemical assessment to evaluate the hazards of 20,000 chemical formulations creating the first and most comprehensive positive list. From this assessment, over 11,000 commercially available chemical products have been approved to produce textiles and leather and collectively make up the bluesign® bluefinder. The chemical products from the bluesign® bluefinder will be recognized at level 3 in the ZDHC Gateway - Chemical Module.