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## MILTON COMPANY SETTLES WITH UNITED STATES REGARDING POTENTIAL CIVIL LIABILITY FOR FALSELY CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The United States Attorney's Office announced that it has entered into a settlement agreement with Green Mountain Knitting, Inc., of Milton, Vermont, resolving the company's potential liability for violating the federal False Claims Act. That statute creates civil liability for making a false statement in order to receive federal funds.

Green Mountain Knitting manufactured cuffs as components of specialized military gloves. In the agreement, the Government indicated that it believed it had good cause to initiate civil litigation under the False Claims Act against Green Mountain Knitting based upon the falsification of certificates of compliance relative to the military specifications required by United States Department of Defense contracts.

Pursuant to the agreement, the GMK paid the United States \$25,000 to resolve its potential civil liability, without admitting to unlawful activity.

The case was investigated by the Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Service. Assistant United States Attorney Michael Drescher handled the matter for the United States. GMK was represented by Robert Hemley, Esq., of Burlington.