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Sympatex increases investment in a sustainable production process for a positive carbon footprint result

A reduction of more than 50 % in comparison to PTFE polymers

Unterföhring / Munich, 21st March 2012. Sympatex Technologies increases its investment in sustainable and ecologically responsible activities. Together with the longtime Dutch partner DSM, the provider of high-tech functional materials in Munich steps up its effort to reduce greenhouse gases that are harmful to the environment. In cooperation with DSM, the results were presented for the first time at the ISPO 2012.

This means that while producing a Sympatex Copolymer, a compound of polyester and polyether molecules, Sympatex manages to reduce the carbon footprint by more than 50 percent in comparison to a PTFE polymer.

For example, the production of 500,000 functional jackets saves the emission of 150 tons CO² in regard to the Sympatex Copolymers vs PTFE ratio. The basis of this calculation is an average fabric use of 3 running metres per jacket, resulting in saving 300g CO² per jacket. For the environment, this equals 30 car trips of 40,000 km around the world or 120,000 car trips of 10 km each. In other words, the daily trip between home and work.

„The protection of the environment is part of the self-conception of Sympatex. We already consider the effects of our actions regarding the environment before we

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make any business decisions and activities,” explains Michael Kamm, the managing director of Sympatex Technologies GmbH. „Together with our innovative partner DSM, we have been able to demonstrably succeed in regard to the reduction of the carbon footprint. So Sympatex makes extremely efficient use of resources during the first production stage already. That makes us the perfect partner for valuable and similar ecological market cooperations,” Mr Kamm adds.

Guaranteed Green – The Sympatex recyclable membrane

As one of the internationally leading producers, Sympatex® Technologies has been a pioneer for high-tech functional systems in clothing, footwear, accessories and technical fields of application since 1986. Together with selected partners, Sympatex develops, produces and distributes membranes, laminates and functional textiles as well as finished products worldwide. The Sympatex membrane is highly breathable, 100% wind- and waterproof and regulates the climate. It is 100% recyclable, bluesign® certified, received the „Öko-Tex-Standard 100“ certificate and is absolutely PTFE-free. The technologies and procedures are based on the principles of ecological responsibility and sustainability with a special focus on the optimal carbon footprint. Sympatex Technologies is a subsidiary of Sympatex Holding GmbH with around 20 sales offices and branches worldwide.

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