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Sympatex Joins Sustainable Apparel Coalition

Munich / Unterfoehring, 22th April 2015 – Sympatex Technologies announces that it has joined the Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC). The ecological alternative among functional textile specialists will use the group’s sustainability measurement tool, the Higg Index, to drive environmental responsibility across its supply chain.

With its membership in the SAC, Sympatex joins more than 150 global brands, retailers and manufacturers, as well as government, non-profit environmental organizations, and academic institutions, which are collectively committed to improving supply chain sustainability in the apparel and footwear industries.

In its relationship with the SAC, Sympatex will contribute both data and resources to support the Higg Index, which gauges environmental sustainability and drives supply chain decision-making to better efficiency and sustainability impact. The Higg Index is an open source, indicator-based tool that allows suppliers, manufacturers, brands and retailers to evaluate materials, products, facilities and processes based on environmental and product design choices.

“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 make any business decisions and activities. That makes us the perfect partner for valuable and similar ecological market cooperations”, said Michael Kamm, CEO Sympatex Technologies. “We are pleased to be joining the SAC confident it will have a positive impact on product sustainability over time, and become a



model for how industries can collaborate in making a positive impact on value chain performance.”

“We welcome the addition of Sympatex to the Coalition, and look forward to their participation in this industry-wide effort in sustainability,” said Coalition CEO Jason Kibbey. “Having Sympatex as part of the Coalition widens the scope of our impact within the apparel industry and accelerates the change we’re making towards responsible industry actions.”

There are currently more than 150 members of the SAC, the majority of which are global brands and retailers including: adidas, C&A, Gap, H&M, Kohl’s, Levi’s, L.L. Bean, Macy’s, Nike, Puma, REI, Target, and VF Corporation. More information on SAC, the complete Higg Index, and a full list of members can be found at www.apparelcoalition.org.

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About the Sustainable Apparel Coalition:

The Sustainable Apparel Coalition, representing more than one-third of the global apparel and footwear industries, was formed by sustainability leaders and leading environmental and social organizations to address current social and environmental challenges. Recognizing that improved supply chain practices are both a business imperative and an opportunity, the Coalition seeks to lead a shared vision of industry supply chain sustainability through the creation and use of the Higg Index. In measuring and evaluating apparel and footwear product sustainability performance through the Higg Index, the Coalition aims to spotlight priorities for action and opportunities for technological innovation.

About Sympatex Technologies:

As one of the worldwide leading producers, Sympatex® Technologies has been a pioneer for high-tech functional materials 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 optimally breathable, 100% wind- and waterproof and regulates the



climate. It is 100% recyclable, bluesign® approved, received the „Oeko-Tex-Standard 100“ certificate, is PTFE-free and PFC-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 sales offices and branches worldwide. www.sympatex.com

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