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Performance Days Munich: Sympatex presents new outer and lining materials made of recycled PET bottles

Sustainable product portfolio for applications in the fields of sports, fashion and leisure

Munich / Unterföhring, 12th April 2016 – Sympatex Technologies will introduce a new highlight of its sustainable product portfolio in Munich during the PERFORMANCE DAYS (20th – 21st April 2016): A currently important theme of the fair trade is recycling, so the ecological alternative among functional textile specialists will present new outer and lining materials made of recycled PET bottles (hall 2, booth 217). The performance of the products offers diverse applications in the fields of sports, fashion and leisure.

Recycled polyester outer material certified according to “Global Recycle Standard”

The material basis of these laminates is a yarn that is produced by using recycled PET bottles. The Munich-based functional specialist has cooperated with the Italian yarn specialist SINTERAMA S.P.A., whose trademark “New Life” is certified according to the internationally renowned “Global Recycle Standard”. Sympatex offers 2-layer and 3-layer laminates as well as “Windmaster” made of recycled PES in its portfolio. The new technologies “Phaseable®” and “Moisture-tech® Apparel” are now also available with materials made of recycled PET bottles.

In the field of lining materials, Sympatex has cooperated with Thermore® to offer a waterproof cotton wool liner made of 100% recycled PES. It is suitable for dry cleaning and can be combined with many different outer materials according to customer request.

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“In combination with our 100% waterproof and windproof as well as optimally breathable Sympatex membrane, the recycled PES outer materials offer a top performance. They are ideal for all requirements of our customers in the field of weather protection and comparable to newly fabricated PES materials on a high level. Moreover, these products are entirely made in the EU and have an optimised carbon footprint,” explains Haymo Strubel, Director Apparel at Sympatex Technologies. “The Sympatex membrane is guaranteed green, it is made of polyetherester and 100% recyclable. It is also free of PTFE and PFC. Thus, the mono-material polyester laminates can be completely added to the recycling process,” says Mr Strubel. Sympatex offers the requirement for a fabric recycling of the garment as the end product – an aspect that is becoming increasingly important for customers and end consumers.

Cooperation with the Master School of Fashion in Munich

Another highlight: Initiated by the PERFORMANCE DAYS, Sympatex has provided young up-and-coming designers of the Master School of Fashion in Munich with a selection of functional materials. The students had to work in teams of two to use current functional materials for one fashion and one functional piece that match each other in a creative way. The most innovative creations, for instance outfits that were inspired by sailing and made of a Sympatex 3-layer material, are presented during the two fair trade days of the PERFORMANCE DAYS.

About Sympatex

Guaranteed Green – The Sympatex recyclable membrane

As one of the worldwide leading producers, Sympatex® Technologies has been a synonym 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 highly breathable, 100% wind- and waterproof and regulates the climate. It is 100% recyclable, bluesign® certified, and it received the 'Öko-Tex-Standard 100' certificate. It is also 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 is represented worldwide with sales offices and branches. www.sympatex.com

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