

Press Release

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Freudenberg partners with bluesign®

Freudenberg Performance Materials, a leading global manufacturer of innovative technical textiles, joined the bluesign® system to provide their comfotemp® thermal insulations with bluesign® approval and thereby underline the company's values and principals in sustainability and transparency.

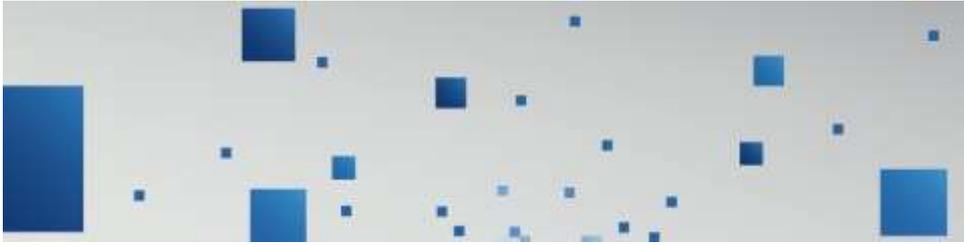
Benoit Cugnet, Head of Global Strategic Marketing at Freudenberg Performance Materials Apparel: "Today, consumers of fashion and sports goods alike expect and deserve a fully transparent supply chain to ensure that the garments they buy are truly sustainable. At Freudenberg, sustainability is deeply anchored in our group values and principles. We are not only committed to fulfilling market requirements, we also want to be sustainable ourselves. Our internal standards reflect our philosophy. For example, the use of chemicals is strictly regulated and our certified energy management system follows very high standards. In India and China, for example, we operate locations where we go far beyond the legal requirements in our standards for air monitoring or water processing.

bluesign® stands for transparency and cooperation throughout the whole supply chain and is a widely recognized and prestigious indicator that sustainability is being taken seriously. As a reliable and responsible supplier of thermal insulation, it was a natural step for us to become a bluesign® system partner. In this way, we support our customers with truly sustainable products and powerful communication tools, right through to point of sale."

"The bluesign® system based on its scientific Input Stream Management approach involves the complete value chain from chemical supplier, component manufacturer and brands," Chris Dreszig, Head Marketing & Communications at bluesign technologies says. "We depend on leading manufacturing companies of this industry who carry corporate responsibility in their DNA in order to serve responsibly produced components for brands and consumer products and therefore reduce the impact on people and the environment. We are pleased to welcome Freudenberg as a bluesign® system partner and set a further milestone to gathering extensive expertise within the bluesign® system."

About Freudenberg Performance Materials

Freudenberg Performance Materials is a leading global manufacturer of innovative technical textiles offering differentiated value propositions to a broad range of markets and applications such as apparel, automotive, building materials, hygiene, medical, shoe and leather goods as well as specialties. In 2016, the company generated sales of more than €950 million and had 25



manufacturing sites in 14 countries and almost 3,800 employees. Freudenberg Performance Materials attaches great importance to social and ecological responsibility. For more information, please visit www.freudenberg-pm.com

The company is part of the Freudenberg Group. In 2016, the Freudenberg Group employed more than 48,000 people in almost 60 countries worldwide and generated sales of approximately €8.6 billion (including pro-rata consolidation of 50:50 joint ventures). For more information, please visit www.freudenberg.com.

About bluesign technologies AG

The bluesign® system is the solution for a sustainable textile production. It eliminates harmful substances right from the beginning of the manufacturing process and sets and controls standards for an environmentally friendly and safe production. This not only ensures that the final textile product meets very stringent consumer safety requirements worldwide but also provides confidence to the consumer to acquire a sustainable product.

bluesign technologies AG was founded in 2000. Since then, the bluesign® system has been adopted by worldwide leading textile and accessory manufacturers. Various significant key players of the chemical and machine industry rely on the bluesign® system. And well-known brands of the outdoor, sportswear and fashion industry rely on the extensive knowledge of bluesign technologies.

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