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ISPO 2017: Sympatex to launch first 100% CO₂-neutral membrane

Improved eco-balance for Sympatex customers: The production of a Sympatex copolymer creates 50 times less CO₂ in comparison with a PTFE polymer – and even that will be compensated from now on.

Munich / Unterföhring, 21st December 2016 – At the ISPO 2017 (5th - 8th February 2017, Hall A1 Booth 418,) Sympatex Technologies will introduce the “guaranteed green” Sympatex membrane, which is produced in a completely climate-neutral way for the first time. In order to eliminate any contribution to global warming, the ecological alternative among functional textile specialists will compensate the CO₂ amount of its entire yearly membrane production starting from 2017 through respective climate protection certificates in cooperation with the Munich-based consultancy ClimatePartner. Thus, Sympatex can compensate even the last remaining CO₂ emissions that are released during the production of the membrane with the support of internationally certified climate protection projects.

Even now, Sympatex greatly contributes to the reduction of environmentally harmful greenhouse gases: The material basis of the highly functional membrane is the Sympatex copolymer, a compound of polyester and polyether molecules. During the production, which follows specific Sympatex formulations, the company and its partner DSM have managed to considerably reduce the carbon footprint of the product. In fact, this means 50 times less CO₂* during the production of a Sympatex copolymer in comparison with a PTFE polymer.

“To produce our 100% recyclable 'guaranteed green' Sympatex membrane in a climate-neutral way is the next logical step for us regarding our sustainability strategy,” explains Dr. Rüdiger Fox, CEO Sympatex Technologies. It has always been part of our DNA to already solve ecological challenges while some people still try to strongly deny their existence. Against this background, we are very happy to support the ClimatePartner project, which

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protects essential forests in Kenya and also contributes to society by promoting a sustainable textile production in this country.”

Tristan A. Foerster, Director: “With its 100% recyclable membrane, Sympatex has already made an important contribution to climate protection. Climate neutrality is the next important step – and we are looking forward to supporting Sympatex with this task.”

* Calculation based on SAC data per kg (SAC=Sustainable Apparel Coalition)

About ClimatePartner:

ClimatePartner is synonymous with systematic, transparent climate protection. The company provides IT system solutions designed for carbon footprinting, emissions reduction, offsetting, and clear labeling of climate neutral products and services – and certified by TÜV Austria, a technical inspection authority.

ClimatePartner was founded in 2006 in Munich. 30 employees at offices in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the UK serve over 1,000 customers in 30 countries.

www.climatepartner.com

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.

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