



## **BACKGROUND TEXT**

Sympatex Technologies GmbH:

### **Innovations for improved performance and sustainability**

For decades, Sympatex Technologies has been a byword for modern, high-tech functional systems. As an 'ingredient brand' with a recognition factor of over 70% in German-speaking countries, Sympatex provides environmentally friendly, breathable, wind- and waterproof membrane systems and layer laminates.

Sympatex made its mark as a brand as early as 1986 when it brought its first textile products onto the market. Nowadays, the company works with big-name manufacturers in the clothing, footwear, accessories and protective workwear segments. This involves realising specific end-customer requirements such as climate control, thermal insulation, protection from cooling, UV absorption and humidity management. And the result of the company's high quality standards and many innovations is a broad base of satisfied customers and a number of top awards.

Sympatex also has high standards when it comes to environmental protection. The hydrophilic Sympatex membrane is not only highly breathable and 100% wind- and waterproof, but also – thanks to its composition – fully recyclable. It is comprised solely of oxygen, carbon and hydrogen and its production involves no use of PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) or fluorocarbons. The Sympatex membrane is Oeko-Tex Standard 100- and bluesign®-certified and meets the strictest standards for environmental protection, health and safety.

Since the realignment of the brand in 2008, the unique eco-friendliness and excellent performance functions of the Sympatex membrane have been at the heart of the company's marketing communications. And Sympatex has been increasingly focusing on the active sport and leisurewear segments.

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