

## SgT opens new laboratory in Bangladesh to support the Textile Industry with 360° Solutions

SgT - a world leader in quality management solutions specializing in textiles and apparel - is proud to announce the opening of its new laboratory in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. The opening ceremony, held on September 24, was attended by more than 100 professionals from the textile apparel industry.

This milestone further strengthens SgT's commitment to supporting its customers' global sourcing strategy with a one-stop shop solution covering compliance, performance, and quality. The laboratory offers agile, tailor-made solutions that go beyond the pass-fail approach, with wide-ranging technical expertise and a high level of service.

This laboratory complements SgT's worldwide network of laboratories and locally-based experts, providing 360° solutions for its customers. It increases SgT's range of operations and strengthens the synergy across locations. SgT's global solutions extend beyond the walls of the lab supporting brands and vendors with mills / lab audit certification, correlation, root cause analysis, retro-engineering, etc.



Founded in 1990, SgT is an independent solution provider, wholly owned by Worms Safety, the first global alliance of specialist companies in specific product categories with expert knowledge of regulatory compliance, safety, and quality.

From development to end of production, SgT supports securing the safety and quality of its partners' products via audits, technical assistance, inspections, and laboratory testing, offering preventive solutions aimed at identifying risks at the earlier stages of the supply

chain. With over 5,000 factories and mills visited annually, SgT offers solid expertise that combines hands-on production with preventative approaches.

As a part of the group's commitment to bringing innovative solutions to its customers, SgT has developed a patented scientific method to verify and quantify the amount of recycled polyester in products, helping brands substantiate their marketing claims. SgT also introduced the Chem Scan Check, which can identify more than 285 substances in one single test, allowing for an advanced level of visibility within a fast timeframe.

SgT's partners include leading international retailers, manufacturers, and importers of ready-to-wear children's clothing, workwear, outdoor clothing, sportswear, underwear, and luxury clothing. SgT's team of experts in Bangladesh, with more than 20 years of experience, looks forward to supporting customers with advanced, personalized testing solutions in this exciting new space ■

## ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey shows deteriorating business situation in the global textile industry



The 16th ITMF Global Textile Industry Survey (GTIS, formerly known as ITMF Corona-Survey) shows deteriorating business situation and expectations in the global textile industry in September 2022. The indicators for order intake, order backlog, and capacity utilisation rate also fell, globally. According to the survey, the business situation was relatively worst in Asia, although improving. While all segments found

themselves in negative situations, spinners' situations have plunged to an unprecedented level. A positive sign for the future is that global expectations have stopped falling in September 2022, albeit staying in negative territory and therefore indicating difficult times ahead. Expectations have improved in South Asia, North & Central America, and Africa. Spinners have also better prospects for March 2023, globally, indicating potential relief.

Order intake fell further, in line with the weaker business situation. Companies in North & Central and especially in South America saw order intake increase while the Asian regions continued struggling with an unsatisfactory order situation. Order backlog fell on average across all regions. South America is

an exception; both order intake and backlog increased. Only dyers/finishers and knitters/weavers experienced a small increase in order backlog. In all other segments order backlog fell. While capacity utilization rate dropped globally in September 2022, it increased in South America's. Fibre producers registered a steady decrease in capacity utilization rate and home textile producers seem to have reversed their downward trend.

Weakening demand, high raw material prices, high energy prices, and inflation are the four major concerns of the global textile industry for the next 6 months. The concern about transportation costs have fallen significantly. Concerns about geopolitics on the other hand have increased significantly in the past two months ■

## German technical outerwear brand Jack Wolfskin introduces new tapeless jacket

German technical outerwear brand Jack Wolfskin has launched a new tapeless jacket which it says is more sustainable and improves performance. The company says its 'zero tape technology' is an innovative solution that eliminates the need for 60 feet of seam-sealing tape per jacket and makes for a more durable product.

The new jacket, available from this autumn, introduces a new seam construction which is said to create a more breathable alternative to seam tape that won't leak or fail. Jack Wolfskin says that seam tape is the weakest component in waterproof outdoor apparel. The tape and glue used to keep it in place limit breathability, mobility and durability.

"With comfort and performance front of mind, Jack Wolfskin designed the Tapeless Jacket with its

proprietary Texapore Core Fuse Stretch Ripstop, a three-layer fabric for superior weather protection and comfort," said a company statement.

"The sleek design has waterproof zippers, an adjustable hood, hem and cuff adjustments, and a chest pocket. Additionally, the unique cut of the Tapeless Jacket features no shoulder or hip seams, helping to eliminate irritation when worn with a backpack.

"At its core, the Tapeless Jacket is a breathable, comfortable shell designed for hikes and adventures that demand high-quality technical apparel. "The men's Tapeless Jacket is available in two colours from Jack Wolfskin's website ■

