

## Business situation and expectation have turned negative: ITMF

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, OCT. 30—

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' situation 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 Septembers 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.

## Lenzing strengthens ambitions in textile recycling

MUMBAI, OCT. 30—

The Lenzing Group, a world-leading provider of specialty fibers for the textile and nonwoven industries, is reinforcing its commitment to circularity by becoming a partner in the CISUTAC (Circular and Sustainable Textile and Clothing) project that is co-funded by the EU. The new consortium was established to support the transition to a circular and sustainable textile sector and, as well as Lenzing, the 27 consortium members include the industry association Euratex, textile company Inditex, PVH, Decathlon and non-governmental organization Oxfam. For its part, Lenzing is focusing on the development of recycling processes for cellulose fibers in line with its own corporate strategy.

Change is urgently required in the textile and clothing industry as it is one of the most harmful sectors to the environment, generating 40 million tonnes of waste every year. The aim of the consortium is to prevent, identify and eliminate barriers to the circularity of the clothing chain. In recent years, Lenzing has set itself the target of actively promoting circularity, reducing the consumption of resources, avoiding environmental pollution and waste, increasing value creation and resource efficiency, and mitigating the negative social impact on people. These goals have always been firmly anchored in the company's strategy.

"At Lenzing, we work hard on a daily basis to make our industry more sustainable and promote the transformation of the textile business from a linear to a circular model. This approach is firmly anchored in our strategy and corporate values. Thus, I am delighted that as a champion of sustainability, we can also make a valuable contribution by participating in this project thanks to our commitment and the solutions we offer," comments Stephan Sielaff, CEO of the Lenzing Group.

"Effective textile recycling is one of the most important and complex core issues facing the textile industry in the years to come. By pooling expertise and working with partners along the value chain, we can accelerate this vital process and forge ahead with finding solutions," comments Sonja Zak, Head of Circularity Initiative at Lenzing.

CISUTAC aims to remove current bottlenecks in order to enhance textile circularity in Europe. Its goal is to minimize the sector's total environmental impact by developing sustainable, novel and inclusive large-scale European value chains. As a pioneer of circularity, Lenzing is making crucial progress in this field thanks to its expertise.

## Textile manufacturers should start securing cotton to meet their demands: Piyush Goyal

NEW DELHI, OCT. 30—

Textile manufacturers should start securing Cotton to meet their demands. Besides, all those involved with Cotton industry should meet to discuss the strategy to ensure traceability of cotton and better value of the cotton products, said Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Textiles, during a video conference with members of Export Promotion Councils.

He said that a two days meeting should be organized to discuss new ideas on strengthening the Textile sector. At least 50% participants should

be youngsters and there should be involvement of Quality Control of India (QCI), Commerce, DPIIT, Finance, Banking Export Insurance for holistic engagement so as overarching themes may be discussed.

The Union Minister said that last year, Textile export was approx. 42 billion USD while the target is to achieve 100 billion USD by next 5-6 years. He mentioned that if achieved, the economic value of the sector will be 250 billion USD collectively for domestic and international.

Mr. Goyal introduced Ms.

Rachna Shah, IAS with the EPCs, who will be officially taking charge as Secretary of Textile on November 1st, 2022 after superannuation of Shri UP Singh, Secretary Textile on October 31st, 2022.

He directed Ms. Shah should visit the Textile hubs like in Surat, Noida, Tiruppur-Coimbatore and others. In addition, applications proposed under PM Mitra around these hubs may also be visited for observation and recording response of the industry representatives.

He said that funds are

available under Textile Mission and should be utilized in new projects. He added the potential of Textile Sector may be showcased in G-20. Participation of industry representatives in the shopping festivals recently announced by the Finance Minister may also be pursued, he said.

The virtual meeting was convened with senior representatives of all the 11 Export Promotion Councils under the Ministry of Textiles including AEPC, Texprocil, SRTEPC, HEPC and PDEXCIL among others.

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80s x 80s / 170 x 120 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	109.50
80s x 80s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	69.00
70s x 90s / 92 x 104 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	82.50
60s x 60s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	61.50
60s x 60s / 92 x 88 - 67"	1/1 Plain	100% Micromodal	88.75
50s x 50s / 132 x 72 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Organic Cotton	89.25
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40/1 Poly Virgin China (Knitting/Weaving)	155+GST
30/1 Poly Black	144+GST
20/2 Poly Vertex	150+GST
38/1 Poly Recycle	142+GST
50/1 Poly Recycle	152+GST
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40/1 PV 65/35 (China)	185+GST
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40 Comp x 30 Cw + 30 Cw Spandex (40d) / 160 x 80 GOL	Dobby 73"	160.00	
40 Comp x 30 Cw Spandex (40d) / 88 x 72 GOL	1/1 74"	114.00	

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50 Comp x 50 Comp / 144 x 94 (On Loom)	Jacquard	65"	148.00
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60 Comp x 60 Comp / 110 x 88	Jacquard	67"	125.00
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# Unions fight repression in Sri Lanka

From Tecoya NewsDesk

MUMBAI, OCT. 30—

In recent months, the Sri Lankan government increased its repression amidst an economic and political crisis, sending in the army on workers protesting peacefully. Today our partners Free Trade Zones & General Services Employees Union together with the National Labour Advisory Council Trade union Collective are holding a members rally at the Public Library in Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo.

CCC, Labour Behind The Label, Maquila Solidarity Network, Workers United and War on Want support the demands of the unions, who condemn the government's disregard for the voice of trade unions and demand the Labour Ministry calls for an immediate meeting of the National Labour Advisory Council.

Women workers in Sri Lanka make up the majority of the country's garment workforce, and they are the drivers of an industry representing 40% of the country's total exports.

Sri Lanka is in an economic and political crisis and the midst of this, the government has been increasing its repression of worker protests and industrial action. Nevertheless, the deteriorating worker rights situation in the country has been largely ignored by the international community.

Sri Lanka is home to some of the world's largest garment manufacturers with major brands sourcing from Sri Lanka including Hugo Boss, Amazon, ASOS, Gap, L Brands, Levi Strauss, Lidl, Lululemon Athletica, Marks and Spencer, Nike, Next, Patagonia, PVH, Tesco and Boohoo.

Beginning in February 2020, as the impact of COVID-19 began to unfold around the world, garment manufacturers and governments began to use the pandemic as a pretext to suppress workers' rights.

In Sri Lanka – where the export apparel and footwear industry directly employs at least 350,000 workers and represents 40% of the country's total exports – the situation was no different. Faced with unprecedented economic uncertainty, garment manufacturers began to circumvent their responsibilities to their employees and the government failed to enforce its own law.

**Will introduce one GST slab instead of 5 if Cong comes to power: Rahul**

HYDERABAD, OCT. 30-(PTI)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said if the party comes to power at the Centre, there would be a revisit of GST (goods and services tax).

Addressing a gathering in Mahabubnagar District as part of his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra,' he alleged that the existing faulty GST regime and Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's demonetisation in 2016 ruined small and medium businesses.

**FM asks States to ease logistics burden on exporters**

KAKINADA (AP), OCT 30—

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked States to adopt a multi-modal approach and ensure logistics did not become a burden on exporters.

She said the PM Gati Shakti was a beautiful protocol with which a synergy could be brought in.

Delivering the inaugural address after inaugurating the third campus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in Kakinada, Sitharaman referred to 'One District-One Product' and 'Vocal for Local', initiatives, aimed at promoting local

products and creating their export markets.

She said the Commerce Ministry was working on getting an export policy that would help the exporters by giving them incentives and promoting many things.

"There's a repetitive and very relevant line that the Commerce Minister refers to We can't be exporting taxes.' We also should identify ways in which those taxes whether Centre, State or local that are on these products should be removed so that we don't burden their exporters," the Finance Minister said.

The governments did not get much revenue from those products but burdened the exporters nevertheless, she noted.

She said the growing cost of electricity and logistics was also affecting the exports.

"With better roads and ports coming electronic facilitation for the customs operations coming surely, the logistics element is being addressed little by little. State governments should also spend some time to see that logistics doesn't become a burden on exporters," Sitharaman said.

**Australia boost to AWI investment in methane reducing supplements for grazing sheep**

From Tecoya NewsDesk

MUMBAI, OCT. 30—

Australian Wool Innovation's (AWI) investment to reduce methane emissions from grazing sheep received a boost on 23 October when the Federal Government announced its selection of projects that will receive funding under Stage 2 of its Methane Emissions Reduction in Livestock (MERiL) Program.

All three projects for which AWI supported applications will now receive funding totalling \$1.5 million from the Federal Government. This is in addition to a \$400,000 contribution from AWI and \$128,461 from other collaborators, resulting in a total value (cash and in kind) for the projects of more than \$2.3 million.

AWI's Program Manager, Fibre Advocacy & Eco Credentials, Angus Ireland says these three projects are part of a broader strategy by AWI in collaboration with other industry bodies to accurately identify and assess ways to reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions from sheep.

"This work sits within the National Sheep Methane Program and is a collaborative and coordinated effort between AWI and the departments of primary industries and universities in the main wool-producing states, to implement practical and safe ways for producers to reduce methane emissions from Australian sheep wool and sheep meat grazing systems," Mr Ireland said.

"As a business, AWI is committed to reducing its environmental impact across the entire industry and the farming stage is a key focus area for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We invest in sound, scientific solutions to help secure wool's market position as a natural, circular and regenerative solution to many impacts of fast fashion."

To optimise the eco-credentials of Australian wool and ensure that it is acknowledged as a sustainable fibre by all, AWI is devoting

resources to remedy any environmental hotspots in the wool supply chain. AWI research has identified methane-mitigating feed supplements for grazing sheep as having significant potential to reduce the carbon footprint of wool within the next 10 years. It is a priority area for investment.

Specifically, the three new projects will:

\* adapt and evaluate a range of methane-reducing feed additives to grazing sheep as a feed additive or via drinking water (in collaboration with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia, the University of Western Australia, DIT Agtech, Rumin8 and Feedworks).

\* evaluate the feasibility of using Radio Frequency Identification technologies to improve methane-reduction supplement design and delivery in conjunction with common delivery systems such as lick feeders (in collaboration with the NSW Department of Regional NSW).

\* develop a novel paddock solution to deliver methane-reducing supplements to grazing sheep (in collaboration with the University of New England with Feedworks).

"This new work builds on the MERiL Stage 1 project currently underway and will help support the projects planned under MERiL Stage 3. AWI's seed funding of \$3 million in this important field of research is proving effective in magnifying woolgrower levy funding – typically more than tripling the total project funding," Mr Ireland added.

The Stage 1 project, underway with the University of New England, is undertaking grazing and pen studies in northern NSW to quantify the relationship between the intake of the red algae *Asparagopsis* and the daily methane produced by grazing sheep, plus any associated wool and live weight changes in the sheep.

# Prices weak

By Cotton Man

MUMBAI, OCT. 29—

The cotton prices maintained a weak trend and decline marginally at all the markets today.

Quality	Rate	Arrival in Bales	State Wise
<b>NORTH ZONE (RATES IN MAUND)</b> (1 Maund = 37.324 KG.)			
<b>Punjab</b>			
J-34 SG	6350-6400		
J-34 RG	6400-6450	1000	
<b>Haryana</b>			
J-34 SG	6400-6450		
J-34 RG	6450-6500	4000	
<b>Rajasthan</b>			
J-34 SG	6400-6500		
J-34 RG	6450-6550	3500	
<b>Lower Rajasthan in Candy</b>			
J-34 28 mm	62500-63500		
J-34 28.5 mm	63000-64000	3000	
<b>CENTRAL ZONE (RATES IN CANDY)</b> (1 Candy = 355.6188 KG.)			
<b>Gujarat</b>			
V-797 (Kalayan) 22 mm	47500-48500		
S6 28.5 mm	64500-65500		
S-6 29.0 mm	65500-66500	23000	
<b>Maharashtra</b>			
MECH 1 - 29-30 mm	67500-66000		
MECH 1-30 mm (RD 75)	67500-66000		
MECH 1-30 mm (RD 75)	-----		
MCU-5 (Sillod) 31 mm	-----	7000	
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>			
MECH-1 29 mm RD 73-74	64500-65500		
MECH -1 29 mm RD 74-75	65500-66500		
MECH -1 30 mm RD 74-75	67000-67500		
DCH-32 33-35 mm	66500-80500	10000	
<b>SOUTH ZONE (RATES IN CANDY)</b>			
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>			
Bunny/Brahma (Telangan) 29-30 mm	65500-68000		
MECH - 1 (Telangan) 29-30 mm	65500-68500		
MCU-5 (AP) 30 mm	65500-68500	12000	
<b>Karnataka</b>			
Bunny / BT 29 mm	66500-67500		
MCU-5 30 mm	67500-68500		
DCH-32 33-35 mm	77500-81500	7000	
<b>ORISSA</b>			
Old Crop - MCU-5 29 mm	69500-69000		
Old Crop - MCU-5 30 mm	69500-70000	Nil	
<b>Total Arrivals</b>			<b>70,500</b>

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(Per Candy 2022-23 Crop)

V-797 (Guj)-Old	48500	MCU-5 (AP)	70000
J-34 (RG) (Punj)	62660	DCH-32 (Karna)	82000
MECH-1/H-4 (MP)	67500	MECH-1 (Maha)	67500
Sankar-6 (Guj)	66500		#

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State	Staple	Mic	Per Candy
P/H/R- ICS-101	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	55300
P/H/R-ICS-201 (SG)	Below 22mm	5.0 - 7.0	56000
GUJ-ICS-102	22mm	4.0 - 6.0	-----
KAR-ICS-103	23mm	4.0 - 5.5	-----
M/M(P)-ICS-104 -	24mm	4.0 - 5.5	-----
P/H/R(U)-ICS-202 (SG)	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	60800
M/M(P)/SA/TL-ICS-105	26mm	3.0 - 3.4	-----
P / H / R(U)-ICS-105	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	61400
M/M(P) /SA/TL/G- ICS-105	27mm	3.0 - 3.4	-----
M/M(P)/SA/TL-ICS-105	27mm	3.5 - 4.9	-----
P/ H/R(U)-ICS-105	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	62300
M/M(P)-ICS-105	28mm	3.5 - 4.9	-----
SA/TL-ICS-105	28mm	3.8 - 4.2	-----
GUJ-ICS-105	28mm	3.8 - 4.2	-----
R(L)-ICS-105	29mm	3.7 - 4.9	62500
M/M(P)-ICS-105	29mm	3.8 - 4.2	64800
SA/TL/K-ICS-105	29mm	3.8 - 4.2	65000
GUJ-ICS-105	29mm	3.8 - 4.2	64500
M/M(P)-ICS-105	30mm	3.8 - 4.2	65500
SA/TL/K/O-ICS-105	30mm	3.8 - 4.2	65800
M/M(P)-ICS-105	31mm	3.8 - 4.2	-----
SA/TL/K/TN/O-ICS-105	31mm	3.8 - 4.26	-----
SA/TL/K/TN/O-ICS-106	32mm	3.5 - 4.9	-----
M/M(P)-ICS-107	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	-----
K/TN-ICS-107	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	78000

## U.S. Futures Daily Cotton Market

27 October 2022

Contract	Open*	High	Low	Close *	Settle	Change
Dec '22	77.81	78.10	74.82	74.82	75.11	-2.71
Mar '23	77.38	77.67	74.50	74.56	74.81	-2.57
May '23	76.75	77.18	74.21	74.30	74.53	-2.22
Jul '23	75.65	76.11	73.50	73.50	73.78	-1.91
Oct '23					72.43	-1.6

\* Open and Close prices reflect the first and last trade in the market and do not correlate to any opening or closing period  
**Cotlook 'A' Index : 95.95**

# Traceable Premium Egyptian Cotton with WEBA x UNECE

From Tecoya NewsDesk

MUMBAI, OCT. 30—

Within the scope of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) initiative "The Sustainability Pledge," to improve transparency and traceability for sustainable garment and footwear supply chains, the Swiss company Haelixa traces Egyptian cotton from the source up to premium shirts.

The UNECE and United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) have been developing over the period 2019-2022 policy recommendations, implementation guidelines, a call to action and a traceability toolbox including blockchain and DNA tracing solutions, which has been implemented in few different textile supply chains. Haelixa is proud to be part of the group of experts that develops such policy recommendations and conducts projects with key industry players to set traceability benchmarks and later develop them into standards.

Fashion brands are often responsible for complex global value chains and traceability is the needed tool to enable trust, transparency, and credible sustainability. The magnitude of the supply chain traceability challenge can be overwhelming for brands, but the UNECE initiative framework facilitates the alignment with suppliers, and provides the necessary guidance and the needed tools, with Haelixa as a physical traceability provider.

To make the premium shirts traceable, Haelixa has developed a unique DNA marker to label the raw material, premium Egyptian cotton. The DNA marker has been applied as fine spray to GIZA 96 lint cotton in Borg Al Arab, Egypt and used to produce the finest fabric by Swiss manufacturer Weba.

Once applied to the fibers, Haelixa's DNA markers stay

safely embedded into the material and withstand the industrial processing, ensuring traceability from the source until the finished garment.

Samples of lint cotton, yarn, and fabric at different steps were verified with a test based on PCR, and the correct DNA marker was detected, thereby enabling the identification of the premium product, of its origin and the specific supply chain.

The forensic data obtained were recorded on a blockchain system provided by UNECE. The marked fabric was used to make Hugo Boss cotton dress shirts. As one of the leading premium fashion brands and partner to the UNECE project, Hugo Boss is responsible for a complex global value chain and strives for high sustainability standards and is looking at traceability options.

"In cases like this one, where the material is of the highest quality and the product is shipped from one facility to another for premium processing, adding physical traceability is critical to ensure that the origin, quality and processing claims can be backed up," says Gediminas Mikutis, CTO and co-founder at Haelixa.

"Traceability and transparency are crucial elements to protect environmental, social, and human rights along global value chains. At UNECE, we aim to enhance traceability approaches by exploring new and innovative solutions that help identify and address negative impacts in the fashion industry. Therefore, it is only right that we collaborate with Haelixa, and engage in a shared ambition as part of 'The Sustainability Pledge'. The complementation of UNECE blockchain pilots with Haelixa DNA markers is a great way to substantiate the digital world with the physical reality, and is a right step forward to a sustainable value chain transformation at scale," says Maria Teresa Pisani, Economic Affairs Officer and Project Lead at UNECE.



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