

## ITMF welcomes textile to textile recycler to its ranks

Textile to textile recycling company Reju, which uses technology developed by IBM to recycle post-consumer textiles into virgin quality recycled polyester has become a corporate member of the **International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF)**.

Owned by Technip Energies, Reju says that its proprietary technology will help to establish a circular ecosystem for textile recycling and claims that its process has a '50% lower carbon footprint' than similar technologies – and says its process means polyester textiles and PET waste 'can be regenerated infinitely'.



**Caption: Dr Christian Schindler, DG of the ITMF says the pressure for textile production to become more circular is real.**

Last year **Reju last opened its first demo plant** in Frankfurt and **earlier this month signed a partnership** with the Cibus co-operative of textile service companies for a feedstock supply of post-consumer textile waste.

Christian Schindler, director general of ITMF, said, "Including companies like Reju in ITMF that are at the

forefront of recycling and circularity solutions is very important. The textile industry is under enormous pressure from legislators, brands and increasingly from end-consumers to become more circular. Companies along the entire textile value chain have to work closely together to identify ways and means to scale and speed up recycling and circularity solutions."

Patrik Frisk, CEO of Reju, added, “we are pleased to be joining ITMF as a corporate member and working together to develop solutions that are both with and for the textile industry.”