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Bluesign announces partnership with SCTI to create the first comprehensive sustainability chemistry index for the textile industry

Bluesign has teamed up with Sustainable Chemistry for the Textile Industry (SCTI™) to develop a **sustainability chemistry index** that will provide a standard communication guide for chemical suppliers, manufacturers, brands, and NGOs.

The first-of-its-kind index is intended to inspire change in the industry by making it easier for stakeholders to assess the sustainability of textile chemical products against the highest standards while safeguarding the intellectual property (IP) of participating chemical companies. IP protection is critical to ensuring ongoing investment in sustainable solutions.

SCTI™ is an alliance of leading chemical companies that strives to empower the textile and leather industries to apply sustainable, state-of-the-art chemistry solutions that protect factory workers, local communities, consumers and the environment.

Bluesign will implement and manage the **sustainability chemistry index** as an independent authority with a holistic approach to helping companies throughout the textile supply chain improve their sustainability performance.

Chemical products, such as dyes and textile auxiliaries, are often characterized with the attribute of “free of a certain substance”. Rather than prioritizing ingredients only, the bluesign® SYSTEM already goes beyond this. The chemicals and the production site where they were created must meet certain criteria regarding environmental performance, occupational health and safety, and product stewardship performance to be bluesign® APPROVED.

The **sustainability chemistry index** will be reserved for substances that offer transparency on a number of additional indicators including the chemical’s circularity viability, greenhouse gas emissions during production, and the source of the raw materials. The **sustainability chemistry index** will also require that the downstream use of the chemical is optimized, meaning, for example, that it promotes resource saving in textile finishing. Additionally, excellent corporate governance paired with well-defined environmental and social (ESG) goals will be a pre-condition.

Dr. Wolfgang Anton Schumann, SCTI™ Chairman, said: "Through its independent position, Bluesign has earned the industry's trust to provide sustainable chemical solutions and impact reductions across the supply chain for the past two decades. This partnership exemplifies our organizations' joint expertise and how collaboration creates solutions that can drive meaningful change across an industry to reduce impact on people and our planet."

Daniel Rüfenacht, Bluesign CEO, added: "SCTI™ offers deep sustainability knowledge in the chemical industry. The new **sustainability chemistry index** will help the industry progress beyond current regulations and realize the EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability by providing textile chemical users a clear rating on a substance's environmental and social impact to advance decision-making".

The mission for the joint partnership between Bluesign and SCTI™, and the **sustainability chemistry index** in particular, is to drive transformational change through sustainable chemical solutions. Providing textile and apparel industry players with a verified inventory of sustainable chemical products is a first step on this shared journey.

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About bluesign technologies ag

The bluesign® SYSTEM is the solution for sustainable textile production. It eliminates harmful substances right from the start of the manufacturing process, and it sets and controls standards for environmentally friendly and safe production. This not only ensures that the final textile product meets very stringent consumer safety requirements worldwide but also gives consumers confidence in purchasing sustainable products.

bluesign technologies ag was founded in 2000. Since then, the bluesign® SYSTEM has been adopted by worldwide leading textile and accessory manufacturers. Various significant key players in the chemical and machine industry rely on the bluesign® SYSTEM, and well-known brands in the outdoor, sportswear and fashion industry trust the extensive knowledge and services of Bluesign.

About SCTI™

Launched in October 2020, Sustainable Chemistry for the Textile Industry (SCTI™) is an alliance of leading chemical companies that strives to empower the textile and leather industries to apply sustainable, state-of-the-art chemistry solutions that protect factory workers, local communities, consumers and the environment. It has seven founding members: Archroma, CHT Group, Huntsman, Kyung-In Synthetic Corporation (KISCO), Pulcra Chemicals, Rudolf Group and Tanatex Chemicals.

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