

## Call for commitment to sustainable MMCF production

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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Partnership for Sustainable Textiles is a multi-stakeholder initiative with 130 members comprising renowned companies, civil society organisations, industry associations, standards organisations and trade unions. We joined forces to achieve substantial social, ecological and economic improvements along the entire textile supply chain. One of our focus areas is driving sustainability in fibre production, utilization and re-use.

Together with our members, we identified man-made cellulosic fibres (MMCF) as an area for big potential improvements, especially with regard to the environmental footprint of production and utilization. Two aspects are of particular importance in this regard:

- Responsible sourcing of cellulosic raw materials, which is predominantly wood.
- Restriction of the use and release into the environment of hazardous chemicals that are utilized during the manufacturing processes.

To address both aspects, we encourage all manufacturers of MMCF as well as input suppliers and service providers to join forces, improve transparency in the supply chain and collaborate with expert organizations and initiatives in this field. Particularly, we call on you to align your raw material sourcing with existing initiatives working in the field of environmental friendly production of MMCF. When it comes to auditing, existing schemes (see for example CanopyStyle Initiative or similar requirements) may serve as an example for orientation. We also ask you to commit to the use of the best available techniques (BAT) for MMCF production such as mentioned in guidelines for wastewater, sludge, waste and air emissions specific to MMCF production (see for example the Changing Market Foundation roadmap or the EU BAT).

Our goal is a significant increase in the volumes of more sustainable MMCF on the market so our members can fulfil their goals concerning the utilization of more sustainable fibres in their fibre mix.

We are looking forward to starting a fruitful dialogue that helps driving sustainability in MMCF production and hope to hear from you soon. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles.

On behalf of the steering committee of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles



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