Modern fabrics with that certain something

The Spanish company Textil Santanderina, S.A. is certified according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 1000

In times of great competitive pressure, textile companies – particularly those based in Europe – face many challenges. The most successful are those which actively invest in innovative product quality, highly efficient processes, extensive service as well as optimally trained employees. The Spanish fabric supplier Textil Santanderina, S.A. additionally employs environmentally friendly methods at all stages of production and has been certified as an environmentally friendly production site according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 1000 since 2008.

Innovative concepts

Textil Santanderina, S.A. was formed in 1923 by Hermanos González Cossio The company is located in Cabézon de la Sal, in the Cantabria region in the north of Spain. With a total of 350 employees divided between the sectors spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing, a total production area of 44,000 m² and a production capacity of 30 million meters of fabric and 5400 tons of yarn per year the company meets the demand for high-quality cotton and mixed fabrics for clothing, workwear and technical textiles.

First-rate qualities and a pronounced customer focus play a vital role for the economic success. According to Juan Parés, CEO, this also involves other guarantors for lasting business success: “All our state-of-the-art equipment is oriented towards greatest possible efficiency with regard to our wide range of products with over 500 articles. To be competitive in this fast-moving industry we also maintain a clear focus on innovations.” The in-house research and development department identifies trends, using them as a basis for continuously working on new solutions and concepts for customers as well as innovative process concepts. The concept of sustainability also plays a prominent role in the company. “We already realised years ago that the public's awareness for environmental protection and sustainability has changed. Many people today are concerned about safe products and their environmentally friendly production. This is reflected by our certifications according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 and 1000”, explains Juan Parés.

Safe products

The company had the first items from the range certified according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 as early as 1998. By now all collections and products meet the strict human ecology requirements of OEKO-TEX® Standard 100. The wide product range of Textil Santanderina, S.A. comprises to a large extent fabric and denim collections for the clothing sector, using mainly cotton and cotton mix yarns. Special material compositions with Lycra® and Tencel® provide maximum comfort and exclusive convenience. The company's range also includes high-quality linen and linen mix fabrics as well as innovative material mixes. The latest innovation in the clothing sector is Lancel®,
combining exclusive wool with the velvety feel of Tencel® and the stretch comfort of Lycra® for use in upmarket clothing segments. Special finishing processes meet all requirements for red-hot fashion trends such as trendy fade effects on denims, highest functionality such as non-iron finishing or additional properties like water or dirt repellent effects.

In the sector for workwear and technical textiles the company focuses on highly efficient textile solutions which unite safety aspects, functionality and comfort. Under the brand name Techs®, Textil Santanderina, S.A. supplies leading European manufacturers of workwear, protective garments and clothing for the health care system as well as textiles for the military.

**Environmentally friendly methods**

Textil Santanderina, S.A. takes on special responsibilities where environmental protection and sustainability are concerned. The company has been certified as an environmentally friendly production site according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 1000 since 2008. The prerequisites for this award are compliance with set criteria for avoiding or limiting harmful substances in production, meeting of strict limit values for waste water and exhaust air, optimised use of energy as well as certain health and safety measures. For this, all processes in spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing are constantly subject to an efficient quality and environmental management system.

A special highlight in the framework of realising innovative processes for protecting the environment is the revolutionary dying method ECO-SANDYE® which allows countless individual creative fading effects while still providing resource savings of up to 90 % for water and 40 % for energy. The significantly faster dyeing process furthermore ensures improved fibre protection for the fabrics.

Installing state-of-the-art energy and water saving machinery in different areas can provide total energy savings of around 15 % to 20 % in future. Water savings of up to 3.5 m³ per hour are provided by a recycling model developed in-house, made possible by creating a closed cooling circuit within the dyeworks. Textil Santanderina, S.A. takes on social responsibility in the form of especially developed programmes for working conditions, health and safety and basic and advanced training.

Juan Parés is convinced that the relevant measures at the production site will pay off: “Our conviction that environmental protection, protection of resources and sustainability are essential today made this issue especially important for us early on. Certification as an environmentally friendly production site according to OEKO-TEX® 1000 enables us to advertise our special commitment as an added value.”

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The company which is located in the Cantabria region in the north of Spain combines the production stages spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing at the main production site Cabézon de la Sal, producing high-quality cotton and mixed fabrics for clothing, workwear and technical textiles. Image: Textil Santanderina, S.A.

The Spanish fabric supplier Textil Santanderina, S.A. focuses on environmentally friendly methods and socially acceptable working conditions at all stages of production. The company has been certified according to OEKO-TEX® Standard 1000 since 2008. Image: Textil Santanderina, S.A.
Textil Santanderina, S.A. takes on special responsibilities where environmental protection and sustainability are concerned. The in-house development work extends also to the area of processing technology, allowing enormous energy savings and resource efficiency. Image: Textil Santanderina, S.A.

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State-of-the-art machinery contributes to the excellent quality being offered to customers. Image: Textil Santanderina, S.A.

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