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One of the world's largest chemical producer achieves ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX®

TESTEX is very proud to announce, that the Performance Materials divisions of BASF in Singapore has achieved the prestigious ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification with two of their chemical products. ECO PASSPORT is an independent certification system for chemicals, colourants and auxiliaries used in the textile, leather and footwear industry. The chemical giant has decided to get certified because of the many competitive advantages, as well as to stay on top of their goals regarding sustainability and product quality.

BASF SE is a German chemical company and one of the largest chemical producers in the world. The BASF Group has subsidiaries and branch offices in over 80 countries and production sites on five continents. The Performance Materials division in Singapore brings together BASF's entire materials know-how regarding innovative, customised plastics.

Active in four major industry sectors – transportation, consumer goods, industrial applications and construction – the division has a strong portfolio of products and services combined with a deep understanding of application-oriented system solutions. Vice President, Consumer Industry of BASF Performance Materials Asia Pacific, Minli Zhao, says that their material innovations combine aesthetics, functionality and performance: «We often showcase how these innovations are providing the impetus for solutions that not only meet global energy demands, but also sustainability goals and prevalent regulatory trends. »

Now two of their products with the name Haptex®, which are innovative synthetic leather solutions, have successfully achieved the ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certifications with ZDHC MRSL Conformance Level 3. During a multistep process, TESTEX has analysed, whether each individual ingredient in the chemical product meets the statutory requirements and if it safe to human health.

According to Minli Zhao, the unprecedented situation this year posed a great challenge, but thanks to the support of TESTEX, BASF was determined to successfully achieve the certificate, which was recommended to them by the renowned ZDHC. «OEKO-TEX® is very reputable within the textile market and carrying its logo is a stamp of guarantee, that our products have adhered to sustainability standards» Zhao explains.

She also goes on to elaborate that the competitive advantages of being certified allow BASF to stay ahead of regulatory curves and differentiate themselves from competitors in the market for synthetic leather and footwear production.

The ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certificate perfectly aligns with the company's future and long-term sustainability goals, which include providing solutions that help reduce material consumption in application, extending their life cycle and committing and engaging to end plastic waste. «We take pride in the quality of our products so that they are more durable and eco-friendlier. » says Minli Zhao.

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BASF's Analysis Competence Center operates several clean rooms in order to guarantee the high quality of the BASF chemicals for the semiconductor industry.



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The new acetylene plant, at the headquarters Verbund site in Ludwigshafen, has an annual capacity of 90,000 metric tons.



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The concept of Haptex is born out of the pursuit to surpass the everyday norms; embodying sustainability in both design and quality in your everyday applications. From automotive interiors to designer fashion items and furnishing, BASF aspires to become more than just a provider for synthetic leather solutions.

About BASF

Number of employees: 122'404 (By December 2019)
Facility type: Chemical manufacturer
Products: Polyurethanes, Performance Polymers, Plastic Additives, Rubber Additives
Location: BASF South east Asia Pte Ltd
Singapore – Regional office
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TESTEX is a globally operating, independent Swiss testing and certification organisation with focus on textile and leather testing. Founded in 1846 and originally known as the "Seidentrocknungsanstalt Zurich" (Silk Conditioning Institute), the TESTEX Group now operates more than 25 branches with around 300 employees worldwide (including TESTEX and OETI) from its head office in Zurich. TESTEX is a member institute of the OEKO-TEX® Association and the official representative in Australia, Canada, the P.R. China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland, South Korea and Taiwan. Learn more on testex.com / oeti.biz and Wikipedia or follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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