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Aman Tex Ltd & Ayesha Fashion Ltd. receive LEED Platinum certification

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Aman Tex Ltd & Ayesha Fashion Ltd. were recently recognized as green garments factory with LEED Platinum certification by The United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

In the newest addition Aman Tex Ltd which is located at Gazipur, awarded LEED Platinum Certification by achieving optimum score 89 out of 110, and Ayesha Fashion Ltd awarded by achieving Gold certifications with the score of 64.

According to the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and

Exporters Association (BGMEA), now Bangladesh has 173 green factories. Of them 54 are platinum rated, 105 are gold rated, 10 are silver, and 4 have no rating, also 550+ are in pipeline.

Dozens more units are in the process of achieving LEED certification, also out of the top 10 USGBC LEED certified factories, and 8 are in Bangladesh.

LEED Certified Green buildings are becoming a norm in Bangladesh as many builders are opting to construct energy-efficient, low-maintenance

buildings.

This concept unexceptionally complements modern architectural designs by allowing ample energy savings and adequate natural light. In addition, it is high time that Bangladesh implements this concept in its construction industry.

Mohiuddin Rubel, Director, BGMEA said, "Bangladesh has the largest number of green



Figure: LEED Green garment factories of Bangladesh.

factories in the world and it is growing even more and we are moving towards a sustainable and green infrastructure in the apparel sector."

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Bloomingdale's and FIT inaugurate Sustainable Innovation Fund

Sazzad Rahman

US fashion brand Bloomingdale's joined hands with Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) to launch Sustainable Fashion Fund, also Bloomingdale's prepares to mark its 150th anniversary.

Mainly, the Sustainable Fashion Fund's mission is to unite the fashion industry and encourage retailers and industry experts to get involved in collaborative sustainable projects that will create viable solutions.

According to Bloomingdale's website, the platform aims to protect the planet for the next generation, build a more equitable future for everyone and invest in the youth of today through mental health advocacy.

On the other hand, this initiatives is to create new spaces and resources that support teaching and learning, research, and offer activities to educate students, faculty, alumni, industry partners

and the public about sustainability.

Regarding this, Dr. Joyce F. Brown, FIT President, said, "Partnering with Bloomingdale's will promote and enhance the strong, active and highly visible commitment that FIT has made to sustainability innovation."

Also, the funds earned will be applied to the establishment of open innovation labs, sustainable fashion showcases, educational and mentoring programmes.

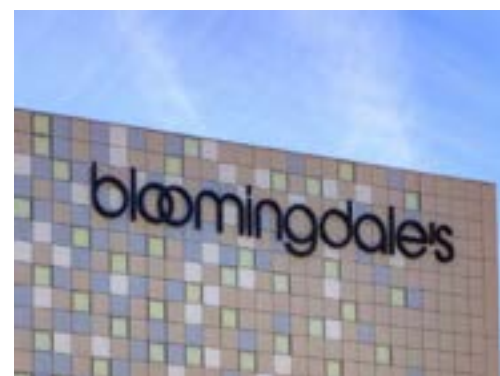


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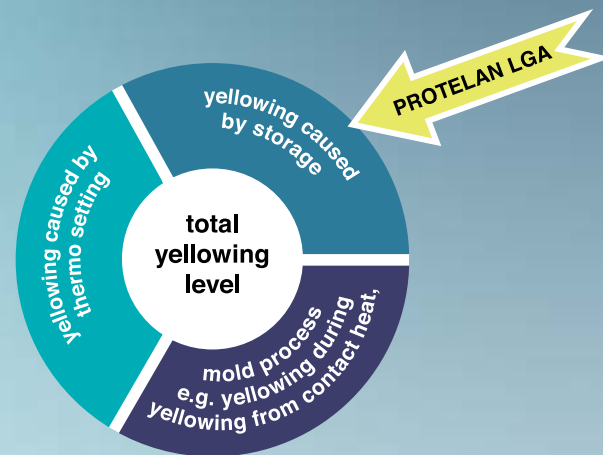


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ZDHC MRSL version 3.0 restricts use of all PFAS

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Amsterdam based – apparel and footwear industry chemical management specialist ZDHC has announced the latest version of its Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (MRSL) recently. The new version of MRSL restricts all PFAS used for textile, footwear and leather treatments.

“The new ZDHC MRSL Version 3.0 sets a clear and unified signal from the apparel and footwear sector of the chemistries that need to be avoided across this and other manufacturing sectors as well as where innovation is needed. The restriction on all PFAS for textile, leather, and footwear finishing is consistent with growing scientific and policy

concerns about the impacts of the class of PFAS chemicals,” said Joel Tickner, ScD, Professor of Public Health UMass Lowell and Executive Director Green Chemistry & Commerce Council.

“ZDHC MRSL Version 3.0 remains contemporary with the inclusion of newer chemicals of concern and reducing the permissible limits for impurities. This has been possible as the industry is moving towards cleaner production. Notably all the listed PFAS chemicals, commonly known as “forever chemicals” have been moved from the candidate list into the main list. This is a significant change which will be better for



Figure: ZDHC MRSL version 3.0 restricts use of all PFAS. Courtesy: ZDHC

the environment,” said Ullhas M. Nimkar, President, The Society of Dyers and Colourists and Member, The ZDHC MRSL Council.

PFAS stands for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, a group of chemicals consisting of approximately 9,000 compounds. PFAS is a toxic chemical. These chemicals are called “forever chemicals” because they do not break

down naturally and remain in the environment forever.

These chemicals are widely used as additives in textile manufacturing due to their unique chemical properties that can make textiles water-, stain-, or heat-resistant. PFASs are used as coatings on our everyday articles such as t-shirts, jeans, outdoor jackets and shoes to make them water, stain and heat resistant.

The adverse effects of PFAS are that they accumulate in animals, including humans, and are linked to cancer, birth defects, liver disease, thyroid disease, immune suppression, hormone disruption, and other serious health problems.

For Full Story: <https://ff.textiletoday.com.bd/zdhc-mrsl-version-3-0-restricts-use-pfas/>

Sri Lanka cuts tax on raw materials for sanitary napkins

Shohel Ahmed

Recently, the Sri Lankan government took the initiative to waive off duties imposed on five imported raw materials for sanitary napkins produced in the country to make hygiene products more affordable for women and school girls.

According to the Presidential Media Division, tax concessions were announced for imported

finished sanitary napkins as well.

The price of a pack of 10 indigenously-produced sanitary napkins will be reduced by Rs. 50-60 with these concessions, and the maximum retail price of a pack will be Rs. 260-270, also the retail prices of imported finished products will be reduced by 18-19 percent.

Besides that, customs duty of 15 percent, and port and airport development levy (PAL) of 10 percent have been waived off on the import of intermediate goods and five raw materials.

According to Sri Lankan media reports, the value-added tax (VAT) on indigenously-manufactured sanitary napkins is nil. Importers of finished sanitary napkins also get the benefit of zero VAT.



Figure: The Sri Lankan government took the initiative to waive off duties imposed on five imported raw materials for sanitary napkins.

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HealthGuard AMIC gets EPA approval

Sanjay Saha

Recently, HealthGuard received United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval for its market leading nonheavy metal base anti-microbial treatment, HealthGuard AMIC.

Earlier this year, Fineotex Chemical Limited had entered into a joint venture with HealthGuard® Australia to become the exclusive global marketing and sales Channel Partner with joint operations from Malaysia.

Basically, HG AMIC is a product effective against odour and stain causing bacteria to be used in the manufacturing processes, and incorporated into materials during the manufacturing process to the

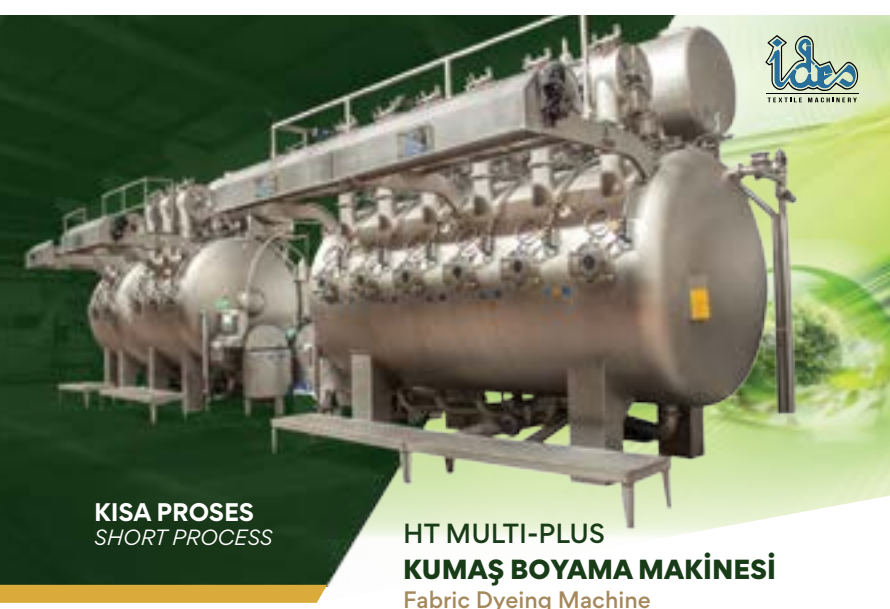
final manufactured products.

It conquers the growth of algae, mould, mildew, fungi, and bacteria that cause unpleasant odours, discoloration, staining, deterioration, or corrosion.

With this EPA approval, it is the right time to respond to countless market request by opening doors to the US market with premium HG AMIC, which has been successfully commercialized globally for over 25 years to none safety record.

HealthGuard AMIC EPA approval allows for treated article export to the US, boasting over 70 approved site applications.

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Deutschland stipendium starts scholarship program with Trützschler

Annika Mumbauer/Kleo Knippertz

The winter semester 2022 is ready to start at universities across Germany – and so is a new funding period for the “Deutschlandstipendium” initiative from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. At its headquarters in Mönchengladbach, Trützschler has been one of the sponsors for seven years.

Basically, the Deutschlandstipendium aims to give talented young people an early chance to make contacts and explore

engagement opportunities with well-known companies in the region. Ideally, this will lead to long-term cooperation or permanent employment.

In recent years, Trützschler has supported several students at the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences in Mönchengladbach, aslo includes specialized internships or writing final theses in a wide range of disciplines – such as mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and data analytics.



Figure: Trützschler has supported several students at the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences in Mönchengladbach.

Yifei Song is one of those talented young people. The IT student has been a permanent employee at Trützschler since graduating.

Tobias Hölters, a former scholarship holder in electrical engineering with a focus on automation technology said, “Thanks to the financial relief provided by the Deutschlandstipendium, I was able to concentrate fully on my studies. In addition to the individual professional support, it was also great that my supervisor shared practical tips about starting a career. It’s even nicer that I was able to begin my career directly at Trützschler after completing my master’s degree.”

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SgT opens new laboratory in Bangladesh to support textile

Rahbar Hossain

SgT – a world leader in quality management solutions specializing in textiles and apparel – is proud to announce the opening of its new laboratory in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. The opening ceremony, held on September 24, was attended by more than 100 professionals from the textile apparel industry.

This milestone further strengthens SgT’s commitment to supporting its customers’ global sourcing strategy with a one-stop shop solution covering compliance, performance, and quality. The laboratory offers agile, tailor-made solutions that go beyond the pass-fail approach, with wide-ranging technical expertise and a high level of service.

This laboratory complements SgT’s worldwide network

of laboratories and locally-based experts, providing 360° solutions for its customers. It increases SgT’s range of operations and strengthens the synergy across locations.

SgT’s global solutions extend beyond the walls of the lab supporting brands and vendors with mills / lab audit certification, correlation, root cause analysis, retro-engineering, etc.

Founded in 1990, SgT is an independent solution provider, wholly owned by Worms Safety, the first global alliance of specialist companies in specific product categories with expert knowledge of regulatory compliance, safety, and quality.

From development to end of production, SgT supports securing the safety and quality of its partners’ products via audits, technical assistance,

inspections, and laboratory testing, offering preventive solutions aimed at identifying risks at the earlier stages of the supply chain. With over 5,000 factories and mills

visited annually, SgT offers solid expertise that combines hands-on production with preventative approaches.



Figure: Thierry LENOIR, Worms Safety CEO; Marie-Anabelle MERMAZ, Managing Director Consumer Product Division at Worms Safety and Daniela Burling, Global Deputy General Manager at Worms Safety laboratories

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H&M launches sustainable outdoor collections

N Tania

H&M Move is on a mission to get us all moving outdoors, adventure-ready movewear – for both men and women, the brand's aims to break down the barriers to movement outside – creating highly functional yet aesthetically driven pieces with thoughtful technical details.

Making high performing garment technology more affordable for everybody, the Outdoor Collection is now available online and in selected stores.

Along with that, one of the impressive highlights of the

collection is the use of H&M Move's exclusive made-for-moving materials; jackets have been crafted with StormMove™, a waterproof and windproof layered fabric with an outer layer crafted from 100% recycled polyester and inner layer consisting of 100% recycled nylon.

Also with the DryMove™ features the collection will use to moisture wicking technology and pull sweat away from skin, keeping Movers comfortably dry – the perfect base layer for an outdoor adventure.



Figure: BGMEA delegation with Textile Secretary of India.

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Danish brand Ganni gains B Corp certification with 90.6 points

Arif-uz Zaman

Danish fashion brand Ganni has become the latest fashion brand to achieve B Corp certification, with 90.6 points and becoming the highest scoring contemporary fashion brand.

Across the five impact areas, Ganni scored the most points from its work under the environment section with 29.1 points, due to a sustained

effort toward using certified organic, lower-impact and recycled fibers which are used for the majority of the brand's collections.

According to the brand, the B Corp framework will be more flexible in the future so that these projects are included in future assessments, also it requires a rigorous application process involving over 300

questions regarding the business in five key impact areas- governance, workers, community, environment, and customers.

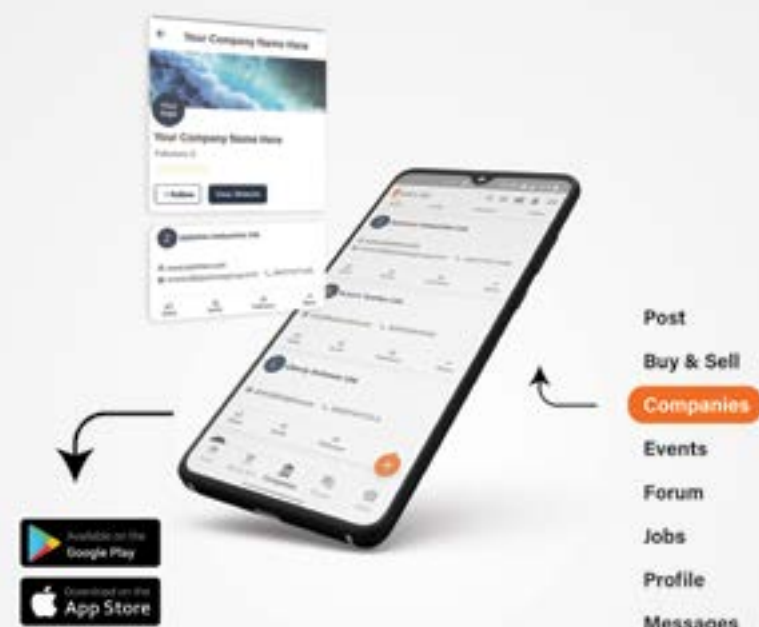
Meanwhile, the brand aims to reach 150 B Corp points by 2025 through its carbon Insetting scheme, scaling innovative fabrics and championing circular business models.



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Louis Vuitton opens handbag workshop in Alvarado

Yeasin Miah

Recently, Luxury fashion retailer Louis Vuitton opened its handbag workshop just south of Fort Worth with 105-acre Louis Vuitton Rochambeau Ranch in Alvarado as part of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton's Les Journées Particulières.

Besides that, fifty-seven brands across 93 locations in 15 countries will open to the public, and the tours are free. Registration began from 29 Sept. and will end Oct. 3 for one-hour tours on Oct. 14, 15 and 16. There will be five tours each day.

Basically, Les Journées Particulières is designed to show the company's heritage and craftsmanship and attract new talent to enter a LVMH specialty.

According to Bernard Arnault, chairman and CEO of LVMH, "It offers a rare opportunity to

visit the actual locations where the magic occurs and gain precious insights into how our artisans shape dreams that, in turn, make our world a more beautiful place to be in."

At a time, the facility employed 150 workers making purses and backpacks that sell for \$1,400 to \$2,200 apiece. The workshop produces popular styles, including Neverfull, Artsy, Iena, Graceful, Palm Spring and Neo Noe.

All U.S. based Louis Vuitton artisans undergo extensive training programs followed by years of apprenticeship to master the craft of making luxury leather goods with the same quality as those produced in Europe.

In July, the company reported almost \$36 billion in sales for the first half of 2022, up 28% for the same period last year.

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