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## Unifi certified as 'Responsible Source'

### **REPREVE recycled polyester yarn and PET resins certified first**

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EMERYVILLE, Calif. - Unifi Manufacturing is the first textile manufacturer of multi-filament polyester, nylon textured yarns and related raw materials to earn Responsible Source certification, SCS Global Services announced.

Responsible Source certification was issued for Unifi's REPREVE products, manufactured in the REPREVE Recycling Center in Yadkinville, N.C. The certification increases Unifi's profile as a sustainability leader in the textile industry, providing an enhanced level of transparency about its REPREVE products.

REPREVE products are made from pre-consumer and post-consumer recycled polyethylene terephthalate (RPET), and have been certified for Recycled Content by SCS since 2007.

"Responsible Source certification gives apparel and textile companies confidence that REPREVE polyester inputs are both environmentally and socially responsible, providing a new level of transparency about raw material inputs for recycled products," said Stowe Hartridge-Beam, managing director of Environmental Certification Services for SCS.

"This certification is important to Unifi, as it further shows our commitment in providing our customers with quality, transparent and responsibly manufactured REPREVE-based products," said Jay Hertwig, vice president of global branding for Unifi.

The Responsible Source standard for the textiles sector, developed by SCS Global Services, addresses supply chain and manufacturing issues related to the production of un-dyed recycled chips, pellets and manufactured fibers. Certification is available to manufacturers who screen suppliers for compliance with local environmental regulations, enforce fair labor and workplace practices, and account for human health and environmental life cycle impacts. Certification allows manufacturers to sell inputs as "Responsible Source certified," and to promote themselves to downstream customers as a "Responsible Source." The standard incorporates elements from ILO conventions, U.S. federal regulations, ISO standards and guidelines, and existing SCS standards.

Unifi, the first yarn manufacturer to achieve Responsible Source certification, has shown that its REPREVE yarns and resins are manufactured in a manner that supports environmental and ethical responsibility.

Unifi tracks energy and water consumption, water discharges, air emissions and hazardous waste disposal. It has robust material tracking and traceability mechanisms in place, and maintains strong relationships with its vendors and suppliers.

As a part of the certification process, Unifi's environmental performance was measured in eight key impact categories. The company also established a supplier screening supply chain risk assessment framework.