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Responsible Source award for Unifi



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GREENSBORO – Synthetic textile yarn supplier Unifi has been awarded the third-party 'Responsible Source' certification for its Repreve recycled yarns by the independent environmental and sustainability certifier SCS Global Services (SCS). Unifi is the first textile company to gain this certification.



Certification was issued for Unifi's Repreve products, made from pre and post-consumer recycled polyester yarns which are manufactured at the company's Recycling Center in Yadkinville, North Carolina, USA.

According to SCS, the Responsible Source certification for the textiles industry is available to manufacturers who screen suppliers for compliance with local environmental regulations, enforce fair labour practices, and account for human health and environmental life cycle impacts.

Merits which earned the certification include Unifi's tracking of energy and water consumption, water discharges, air emissions and hazardous waste. Unifi has robust material tracking and traceability mechanisms in place, and maintains strong relationships with its vendors and suppliers, SCS said.

Stowe Hartridge-Beam, managing director of Environmental Certification Services for SCS noted: '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.'

Responsible Source certification incorporates elements from ILO conventions, U.S. federal regulations, ISO standards and existing SCS standards, and Repreve products have been certified for Recycled Content by SCS since 2007.

As previously reported by *Ecotextile News*, brands, which use the Repreve recycled polyester yarn include menswear brand Haggard Clothing, Base layer apparel manufacturer ColdPruf and outdoor clothing and accessories brand Norrøna.

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