

EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE UNTIL 1400 HRS CET
16 October 2020

Chemical companies unite to accelerate sustainability for the textile and leather industries

- *Leading chemical companies launch Sustainable Chemistry for the Textile Industry (SCTI)*
- *Unite behind a vision of accelerating the adoption of sustainable chemical solutions and enhanced resource productivity*
- *Share information, training and tools to empower brands, retailers and manufacturers*

SINGAPORE, 16 October 2020 -- Seven of the world's leading chemical companies have come together to launch Sustainable Chemistry for the Textile Industry (SCTI). With a commitment to collaboration, innovation and transformational change, the new alliance aims to lead the textile and leather industries towards a more sustainable future.

"As the global textile and leather industries strive to become more sustainable, chemistry solutions have a defining role to play. Sustainable chemistry enables brands, retailers and manufacturers to better protect the well-being of factory workers, local communities, the environment and, ultimately, consumers," said Rohit Aggarwal, SCTI Chairman and President of Huntsman Textile Effects. "But while meaningful improvements are possible, no one company can achieve the shift to sustainability on its own. This is the impetus for SCTI."

All of the founding members of SCTI – Archroma, CHT Group, Huntsman, Kyung-In Synthetic Corporation (KISCO), Pulcra Chemicals, Rudolf Group and Tanatex Chemicals – have made substantial investments in sustainable solutions in recent years. They are now committing to investing and working together to further advance chemistry knowledge and its safe and sustainable application in the textile and leather industries.

Specifically, SCTI will support brands, retailers and manufacturers of all sizes at every stage in their sustainability journey to achieve the highest levels of sustainability, by sharing members' knowledge of chemistry and its application, and by providing training and tools to ensure stakeholders can adopt technologies and optimize processes. SCTI is also developing a global harmonized sustainability standard for chemical products used in the industry, and the supporting assessment tool, that covers all aspects of the products, from hazards through to environmental, ecological and social impacts.

The ultimate aim for SCTI is to help the industry produce more sustainable textile and leather end products for consumers through cleaner and more transparent supply chains that use less water and energy and produce less emissions and pollution.

About SCTI

Launched in October 2020, Sustainable Chemistry for the Textile Industry (SCTI) is an alliance of leading chemical companies that strives to empower the textile and leather industries to apply sustainable, state-of-the-art chemistry solutions that protect factory workers, local communities, consumers and the environment. It has seven founding members: Archroma, CHT Group, Huntsman, Kyung-In Synthetic Corporation (KISCO), Pulcra Chemicals, Rudolf Group and Tanatex Chemicals.

Social Media

Website : www.scti.org
LinkedIn : www.linkedin.com/company/scti-sustainable-chemistry-for-the-textile-industry
Twitter : www.twitter.com/SCTI_Alliance
Instagram : http://instagram.com/scti_alliance

Contacts : Marilyn Chua | +65 6390 0339 | marilyn_chua@scti.org
Muriel Werlé | +65 6866 7422 | muriel_werle@scti.org