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European Zone at Cinte Techtextil China: new exhibitors widen sourcing options for buyers

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Following the successful conclusion in May of the North American edition, the next Techtextil series fair will take place in Shanghai from 12 – 14 October at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre. Cinte Techtextil China's strong reputation in the Asian technical textiles and nonwovens industry will see over 500 exhibitors from 23 countries & regions taking part this year, including many new exhibitors from Europe who will feature in the European Zone. Pavilions from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Korea and Taiwan as well as Chinese regional pavilions are also confirmed. And with 12 product application areas a focus of the fair, ranging from Buildtech to Mobiltech and Clothtech to Sportech, the product variety on offer for buyers covers the entire industry.

In the yarn product group, and taking part in the European Zone and the fair itself for the first time, is AB Svenskt Konstsilke, Sweden, and their China office SKS High Performance Yarn (Kunshan) who will feature their range of high performance yarns at Cinte Techtextil China. Having successfully participated at Techtextil in Frankfurt for many years, the company would now like to extend this to Asia, where Mr Hans Janssen, Vice President & Sales Director believes there are a lot of opportunities. "We see further potential growth for our products in the automotive and industrial sectors in China and Southeast Asia. So far we supply mainly to global companies, but we are starting to supply local Asian companies as well where there is huge potential," he said. Featuring at the SKS booth will be assembled high performance yarns for optical fibre cables, twisted high performance yarns for use in automotive & industrial hoses and the paper felt industry, RFL dipped high performance yarns for application in ultra-high performance tires for personal cars, and precision wound high performance yarns.

Also taking part for the first time in the European Zone is Italy's Toscana Spazzole Industriali, suppliers of brushes for needle punching

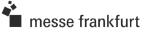


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machinery. Targeting producers of nonwoven fabrics, manufacturers of needle punching machines and resellers, they are looking to strengthen their presence in China and Asia through the fair. Inside the Toscana Spazzole booth will also be three co-exhibitors including Ramina Srl, a manufacturer of machines and turn-key plants for the nonwovens industry. Their products, including tunnel ovens, drum dryers, coating, finishing & cutting systems, end-line winders and more are suitable for the automotive, building, medical / hygiene and filtration industries.

Fellow co-exhibitor TEC TEX Srl will be showcasing their cross lappers and needle looms for manufacturing automotive carpets and geotextiles. After making their first sale in China a year ago, they are now looking to Cinte Techtextil China to take advantage of the high potential they see in the country for fully made in Europe machines. The fourth member of this group is Bettarini & Serafini srl with their bematic-brand nonwoven equipment.

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This year's German Pavilion will house some of the industry's heavyweights including Trützschler Nonwovens, DiloGroup and Autefa. DiloGroup in particular will have a wide range of options on offer this year, having recently set up a compact line for recycling carbon fibre at the Institut für Textiltechnik (ITA) in Augsburg, Germany, which will allow them to present product samples made from recycled carbon fibre material on request. Mr Johann Philipp Dilo, CEO of DiloGroup, explained: "The recycled carbon fibre sector has high potential since 50% of carbon fibre woven structures used in the aircraft industry, for example, are wasted. Regulations prohibit us from dumping this material and ensure we find new uses for it, including in aircraft, automotive and general transportation & technical applications."

DiloGroup will present their needled nonwoven products which can be applied in geotextiles, filter media, automotive fabrics, roofing materials, synthetic leather, natural fibre felts and more. When asked about the potential for the company's products in China, Mr Dilo commented: "Generally, there is a high growth rate in the consumption of technical textiles worldwide and, of course, also in China. There is great potential for car interior linings and technical textiles for other automotive applications, as well as for filtration media and geotextiles."

Trützschler Nonwovens, on the other hand, were just as optimistic about their participation in the fair. "Because of productivity and efficiency reasons, German and European nonwovens machinery is still sought after by the Chinese technical textile industry," Mr Marc Wolpers, Sales Director explained. "The more sophisticated production processes still run more stable with imported rather than local machinery and, in many cases, product quality as well as energy efficiency is unrivalled. With our new developments we feel well prepared for the China market." The company also sees potential in developing countries in Asia. "Market penetration of nonwovens in the hygiene, automotive, construction and other technical fields has just begun in many developing countries."

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Cinte Techtextil China's product groups include technology and machinery, woven and knitted fabrics, nonwovens, coated textiles, composites, surface and bonding techniques, fibres and yarns, and more. The fair is organised by Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd; the Sub-Council of Textile Industry, CCPIT; and the China Nonwovens & Industrial Textiles Association (CNITA).

To find out more about this event, please visit: <u>www.techtextilchina.com</u>. For more information about Messe Frankfurt textile fairs worldwide, please visit: <u>http://texpertise-network.messefrankfurt.com</u>.

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