



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **“Biodegradation meets performance”: new highly functional Sympatex laminates of biodegradable TENCEL® fibres**

Sympatex Technologies to present the first results of its new cooperation with Lenzing AG from Austria at the “Performance Days 2017” in Munich.

Munich / Unterföhring, 24 April 2017 – From wood to clothing – ecological through all steps: Sympatex Technologies will present another milestone of its “agenda 2020” at the Performance Days (26 to 27 April 2017) in Munich. The ecological alternative amongst the functional textile specialists presents first results of its new cooperation with Lenzing AG: highly functional laminates based on botanic TENCEL® fibres combining excellent breathability and extremely pleasant wear comfort without making any compromises on wind or water resistance.

According to its consistently sustainable corporate strategy, Sympatex has decided to provide the best possible combination of ecological compatibility and textile performance. The functional specialist from Munich pays close attention to avoiding other disadvantages, such as high water or energy consumption as part of the adjustment to natural polymers. The highly functional laminates based on botanic TENCEL® fibres from Lenzing are produced in a highly environmentally friendly procedure that is considered to be the cleanest technology for the cellulose fibre production of the future. They are exclusively produced from certified wood of sustainable cultivation and are biodegradable.

“Our agenda 2020 passed at the beginning of this year is based on a precise road map. It comprises, amongst other things, that we want to produce PTFE- and PFC-free Sympatex laminates in a completely climate neutral way by 2020. As part of it, we are also planning to only use natural resources as material, whenever possible. Thanks to the cooperation with Lenzing, we have taken a huge step forward to fulfil our goal of improving the overall ecological balance“, explains Dr. Rüdiger Fox, CEO of Sympatex Technologies.

#### **About Sympatex The Lenzing Group**

The Lenzing Group is a world market leader headquartered in Austria, which operates production sites in all major markets as well as a worldwide network of sales and marketing offices. Lenzing supplies the global textile and nonwovens industry with high-quality, botanic cellulose fibers. Its portfolio ranges from dissolving wood pulp to standard and specialty cellulose fibers.



Lenzing's quality and innovative strength set global standards for cellulose fibers. With 79 years of experience in fiber production, the Lenzing Group is the only company in the world which is able to produce significant volumes of all three cellulose fiber generations – from the classic Lenzing Viscose® branded fibers to the Lenzing Modal® branded fibers and the TENCEL® lyocell fibers. In 2016 Lenzing introduced the Refibra™ branded recycling fiber, a product innovation based on recycled cotton scraps.

The Lenzing Group's success is based on consistent customer orientation combined with innovation, technology and quality leadership. Lenzing is committed to the principles of sustainable management with very high environmental standards and can underscore this commitment with numerous international sustainability certifications for its business processes as the most sustainable company in the sector. In addition to fibers, which form the core business, the Lenzing Group is also active to a lesser extent in the fields of engineering and plant construction.

### **Key Facts & Figures Lenzing Group 2016**

Revenue: EUR 2.13 bn

Fiber sales volumes: 978,000 tons

Employees: 6,218

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### **About Sympatex**

#### **Guaranteed Green – The Sympatex recyclable membrane**

As one of the worldwide leading producers, Sympatex® Technologies has been a synonym for high-tech functional materials in clothing, footwear, accessories and technical fields of application since 1986. Together with selected partners, Sympatex develops, produces and distributes membranes, laminates and functional textiles as well as finished products worldwide. The Sympatex membrane is highly breathable, 100% wind- and waterproof and regulates the climate. It is 100% recyclable, bluesign® certified, and it received the 'Öko-Tex-Standard 100' certificate. It is also PTFE-free and PFC-free. The technologies and procedures are based on the principles of ecological responsibility and sustainability with a special focus on the optimal carbon footprint. Sympatex is represented worldwide with sales offices and branches. [www.sympatex.com](http://www.sympatex.com)

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