

separate containers for carpet waste at household waste recycling centres.

US-based carpet recycler, Frank Endrenyi, President of Sustainable Materials Solutions LLC offered insights into their ReCom System which provides the purest single post-consumer polymer stream and the potential to recover polypropylene from UK-sourced carpet waste.

He also updated delegates on the California carpet stewardship programme, which requires carpet manufacturers by law to add 5 cents to each square yard of carpet sold into California, to fund a carpet recycling programme.

Other highlights included Louise McGregor, Head of Market Development at Zero Waste Scotland focusing on opportunities for carpet recycling activities in Scotland. Of the estimated 40,000 tonnes of waste carpet arising annually in Scotland, only 2.5% is currently recycled or reused.

Despite the challenges, which include lack of awareness, collection and processing infrastructure, Louise said significant opportunities existed for landfill diversion, expansion of facilities, carbon savings and resource efficiency savings.

## China textile mills lobby to boost cotton imports, cut local prices

BEIJING: Chinese textile mills are lobbying for permission to import more cotton as they struggle to find high-grade fibre locally, a move that would boost prices from key exporters such as the United States and Australia if the government grants its approval. But traders in the world's largest cotton importer are sceptical Beijing will agree to larger import quotas while its reserves remain swollen with domestically grown cotton bought under an aggressive stockpiling programme. China strictly controls cotton imports to support local growers, making it difficult for some textile firms to source the high-quality cotton they need to make fabric for global clothing brands, with limited amounts of the grade grown locally. Larger quotas would bolster prices for international cotton, with December cotton contracts on ICE dropping 4 percent last quarter, the weakest

quarterly performance in a year on concerns over slowing economic growth in China. The mills also want the government to reduce the price of sales from state reserves to around 18,000 yuan (\$2,900) per tonne from recent prices of as much as 20,100 yuan. Prices are typically 40 percent higher than international levels, forcing many textile mills into heavy losses.

This is a really serious problem and has lasted too long," said Yang Shibin, assistant president of the China National Textile and Apparel Council, referring to restrictions on imports and higher domestic prices.

"We want everyone to use more cotton and more domestic cotton. This way would stimulate cotton use," he told Reuters in an interview. China's cotton stockpiling programme is closely monitored by international markets, with the country currently holding about half the world's stocks in its reserves.

Earlier this year, Beijing promised to grant mills new import quotas allowing them to purchase 1 tonne of overseas cotton for every 3 tonnes bought from state reserves. But millers want the ratio changed to 2-to-1 due to robust competition from Asian mills, the poor quality of cotton in state stockpiles and a lack of supply of certain grades. Yang said the cotton in China's reserves is inconsistent in quality and contains stray manmade fibres, as well as duck and chicken feathers. The association in mid-June submitted its recommendations to China's economic planning body, the National Development and Reform Commission, he added. But traders were doubtful the government would boost quotas. "They have so much in stock, why would they allow more imports?" said Ma Jun, a trader at Founder Commodities.

Another trader said it was unclear when any increased quotas could be used, with the next US crop not ready until late October at the earliest and much of the Australian crop already committed.

Beijing had said it would end sales from its reserves in late July, but traders believe it is likely to continue selling into August and September as it needs to get rid of old inventory ahead of the upcoming harvest in October. Of the 9.55 million tonnes of cotton up for sale since January this year, only 28 percent, or 2.65 million tonnes, was sold by 3 July, with mills put off by high prices and poor quality

to Belgium, China, France, Italy, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, the Czech Republic and the USA, Great Britain, India and Croatia were represented. On behalf of the French pavilion, a satisfied Pascal Galli, Technical Textile Project Manager of Ubifrance, said, "Nearly all the 73 companies of the French pavilion had very good meetings with many visitors, mainly from Europe. Techtexil 2013 was very good."

## Carpet industry embraces circular economy opportunities

July 10 2013 -- Carpet recycling and re-use initiatives showcased at Carpet Recycling UK's recent fifth annual conference in Birmingham highlighted the industry's significant progress in embracing circular economy opportunities.

Nearly 100 carpet industry stakeholders including manufacturers, distributors, recyclers, waste management companies and raw material suppliers attended what organisers described as their 'best-ever' event, held at the city's Institute of Engineering and Technology.

A wide-ranging programme focusing on waste minimisation and designing for recycling, outlet development, market research and lobbying as well as collecting and sorting, provided plenty of inspiration and information for delegates who attended from all over the world.

CRUK Director Laurance Bird said: "There was a real buzz throughout an action-packed day and it was certainly our best-ever event, which was well-received by all who attended. The conference demonstrated how the work undertaken by CRUK and its members is driving carpet waste up the waste hierarchy.

"Active projects revealed how attitudes have changed. Carpet is now regarded as a valuable resource from which valuable raw materials can be extracted for reuse in a second life, rather than just a bulky waste only fit for landfill. The sector is embracing burgeoning opportunities in the circular economy and making the most of existing resources," added Laurance.

Aimed at organisations seeking outlets for their

carpet waste as well as carpet manufacturers and firms interested in new recycling technologies, the conference examined topics such as waste prevention/redesign, take back schemes, reuse and energy from waste (EfW).

A popular session hosted by Mike Walters, Operations Manager, Recycling & Waste for the John Lewis Partnership, highlighted the department store's sustainability strategy and their post-installation off cuts collection project. Off cuts collected from fitters are reprocessed by Anglo Recycling into non-woven felt underlay for John Lewis.

In a new Q & A session, Natasha Smith from DEFRA sought the carpet sector's views regarding the potential banning of carpet and textile waste from landfill. Any ban would affect the carpet sector directly, because carpets are a textile floorcovering and therefore fall into the textile category.

Natasha presented data already collected by the government showing that carpet makes up 21% or 450,000 tonnes of the UK's annual textile waste arising. She explained that a good understanding of the data, waste streams and markets are vital to making an informed decision on any restrictions or bans.

Pointing to a 2012 wood waste call for evidence that found less wood was going to landfill than initially thought, Natasha said a similar understanding of what was actually happening was needed for the carpet sector. Government would need to be satisfied that any restriction is the best-value way of moving materials up the waste hierarchy and that costs to businesses and the public sector are affordable.

She spoke to carpet stakeholders including manufacturers and recyclers to understand the challenges faced by the sector and the views of the sector on how best to drive waste carpet up the waste hierarchy and achieve increased prevention, reuse and recycling.

Carpet and mattress separation trials at Viridor's household waste recycling centres in West Sussex were outlined by Bill Griffiths, Viridor National Organics and Recycling Manager. He also spoke about the logistical and financial challenges faced by waste contractors and local authorities in providing



# World Textile News

## Techtextil sees record number of exhibitors & visitors

Techtextil 2013 closed its doors after setting unequivocal new records on both the exhibitor and visitor sides. 1,322 exhibitors from 48 countries (2011: 1,199), an increase of ten percent over the last event, presented new products for all product groups and areas of application for technical textiles and nonwovens.

Around 27,500 visitors (2011: 24,915) from 97 countries, also an increase of ten percent, ensured busy exhibition stands and numerous contacts throughout the fair. "Techtextil has once again been able to expand its unique position as the world's leading trade fair and a must for the sector", said Detlef Braun, Member of the Executive Board of Messe Frankfurt GmbH.

"Together with Texprocess, we see a bright future for Techtextil. The records set by both fairs confirm the seminal concept of this combination of technical textiles and textileprocessing technologies."

At the leading trade fair for the sector, visitors had the chance to discover innovations in all areas of application for technical textiles. The products on show took account of the latest trends, e.g., lightweight construction, functionality, sustainability and mobility. The novelties included sensory systems for apparel, extremely light textile reinforced concrete and natural-fibre-based composites for automobiles.

In addition to the great innovativeness of the sector, synergistic effects generated by the range of products at

Texprocess were very much in evidence, as reflected by the statistics on visitors from Texprocess, which reveal that around 5,400 trade visitors of the leading trade fair for textile-processing technologies took advantage of this unrivalled opportunity to attend Techtextil.

96 percent of visitors rated their visit to Techtextil as having been good to very good (2011: 96 percent). The values on the exhibitor side are similar. 90 percent of exhibitors said they had achieved their goals for the fair (2011: 90 percent).

Speaking on behalf of the German industry, Werner Zirnzak, Deputy Director of the Association of the Yarns, Woven Fabrics and Technical Textiles Industry (Industrieverband Garne - Gewebe - Technische Textilien e.V. - IVGT), said, "Our member companies are unanimous – this was the best Techtextil ever. The increased number of exhibitors attracted more visitors to the fair. The first day of the fair was particularly good. Visitor quality was also excellent."

Besides the growth in visitor numbers, there was also an increase in the proportion of visitors from outside Germany to 57 percent (2011: 55 percent), which enabled Techtextil to consolidate its position as the world's foremost meeting place for the sector.

After Germany, the biggest visitor nations were Italy, France, Turkey, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Poland and the Russian Federation. There were also significantly more visitors from China, Japan, Taiwan and the USA. 13 countries (2011: 11) made presentations in national pavilions. In addition

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Iran exported 21.699 tons of different goods, including gas condensates, worth \$9.751 billion from March 21 to June 21, the Iranian Customs Administration reported.

Non-oil commodities accounted for \$5.112 billion of the total \$9.751 billion worth of goods exported in the first three months, while the export value of gas condensates and petrochemicals stood at \$2.096 billion and \$2.542 billion, respectively. According to officials, Iran's non-oil exports exceeded \$41 billion in the last Iranian year (ended March 20) despite the sanctions and restrictions imposed by the West on Tehran.

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## Iranian Scientists Use Graphene Nanosheets to Fabricate Electroconductive Textiles

The obtained textiles have the ability to be used in the fabrication of electronic, smart, electromagnetic-resistant, waterproof, and multipurpose fibers. "The purpose of this research was to study the feasibility of the use of graphene nanosheets in creating conductive coatings on the surface of textiles. The effect of various parameters on the conductivity of the cloth was studied as well. The effect of graphene on color change, mechanical properties, and the passage of light through the textiles was investigated too," Mohammad Shatteri Khalilabadi, one of the researchers from Islamic Azad University, Yazd Branch, explained about the research. Results showed significant effect of the type of reducer on the conductivity of the textile coated with graphene and also on the adjustment of the textile conductivity as the concentration of graphene oxide solution or the number of coatings change. Microscopic study on the samples demonstrates the coating of the textile with a very thin layer of graphene, which had negligible effect on the surface morphology of the textile. The coated graphene layer has a very high washing and mechanical strength although it has negligible effect on the reduction of mechanical properties of the textile. Graphene can be a good choice for replacement with other conductive materials such as conductive polymers, indium tin oxide, gold nanocoatings, and carbon nanotubes that have problems, including the lack of homogenous coating, high fragility, high price, lack of desirable adsorption and low stability. The obtained textiles can also be used in the production of flexible electronic pieces such as sensors, capacitors, electrodes, solar cells, and so forth.



Iran ships carpets to over 100 countries and hand-woven carpets to over 50 countries including Japan, Germany and Italy.

Finding its roots in ancient Persia, carpet weaving is recognized as one of the most eminent expressions of Persian art and culture.

Around 1.2 million weavers in Iran each year produce around five million square metres of carpets to cater to domestic and international markets. 80 percent of the carpets produced in Iran are shipped to foreign countries. Earlier this year, Mr. Rahmati said Iran's handicraft exports for the current Iranian calendar year that started on March 21, 2013, is estimated to cross US\$ 1 billion.

## Exhibition of Persian carpets held in Tehran

An exhibition has been held in the Iranian capital, Tehran, to display exquisite Persian carpets, including hand-woven and tableau carpets as well as nomadic rugs.

The festival kicked off at the Carpet Museum of Iran on June 30 and was scheduled to run until July 5.

Rugs and carpets from different parts of Iran were put on show at the event attended by dozens of carpet weavers.

"These carpets are a hundred percent from wool. The wool from sheep is cut and spun and dyed mostly with natural colors. After that, different designs are woven by the threads," a carpet producer told about Bakhtiari rugs, Gelims and Gabbehs.

Gelim and Gabbeh are traditional varieties of Persian carpets.

A tableau carpet expert also said that tableau producers often use Iranian elements as well as famous paintings by renowned Iranian miniaturist Mahmoud Farshchian to create their works of art.

Termeh, an exquisite hand-woven fabric primarily produced in Yazd, was also available in the exhibition.

"Termeh is made of silk. Each producer has its own designs. We export our products to countries like Iraq and the UAE," a Termeh producer told.

Carpet is one of the greatest manifestations of the Persian culture and art.

Iran exports carpets to at least 70 countries in the world.

Experts attribute the increasingly lucrative market for Persian carpets worldwide to its quality, color and design.

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# Iran Textile News

## Iran invents stain-resistant carpet for the first time

For the first time in the world, Iran has invented an anti-stain carpet, without using nanotechnology.

The carpet has been invented by Ali Jadi in the Iran's city of Kashan.

The carpet is resistant to oil, water, acids.

"I have invented a special carpet-weaving machine, that is able to weave 4,800 meters of carpet in a day," Jadi said, without revealing any details of the machine.

In May, Iran earned about \$400 million in 11 months of the past calendar year (started on March 21) for exporting domestically made carpets to various countries.

The director of Iran's National Carpet Center, Mohammad Bagher Alikhani said that Iran earned the above mentioned revenue from carpet exports to 70 countries.

"45 percent of overall carpet exports went to Asian countries, 43 percent to the European countries," he said.

Alikhani added that because the sanctions did not affect Iran's carpet exports too much, Iranian carpets are now known all over the world.

Further on he said that currently Iran is exporting its carpets to China and Brazil, while possibilities of exports to South Africa and Vietnam are being considered.

He also added that about 8 million people in Iran (about 10 percent of the overall population) are involved in the

carpet industry in the country.

In February, the managing director of the Iran Handmade Carpet Producers Cooperative, Abdollah Bahrami said that Iranian handmade carpet exports showed a 17 percent decrease in the first 11 months of the current Iranian calendar year in comparison to the same period of last year.

Last year, Iran exported \$500 million worth of handmade carpets.

## Iran's handicraft exports touch \$733mn in 2012-13

The exports of handicrafts from Iran touched US\$ 733 million during the last Iranian calendar year that ended on March 20, 2013, according to Iran's Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Organization (CHTHO).

The countries in the Persian Gulf were the main buyers of Iranian handicrafts during the year, followed by countries in Europe, North Africa and East Asia, CHTHO deputy head Yahya Rahmati said.

Mr. Rahmati urged Iranian handicraft exporters to further explore European markets and promote Iranian handicrafts in European countries.

Although Iran's handicrafts industry includes a wide range of items, the most popular are the Persian Carpets, which are known for their unique designs and high quality.





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Belarus, China, Lebanon, France, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Portugal, Belgium, Czech Republic, Israel, Moldova, Bangladesh, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Japan, Libya, Algeria, Finland, Costa Rica, Mexico, Taiwan, USA, Palestine, Iraq, Kosovo, Lithuania, Slovakia, Sudan, Denmark, Colombia, Latvia, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, South Africa, Hungary, Nigeria. Besides, local investors especially from the cities like Denizli, Bursa, Aydın, Uşak, İzmir, Çorlu, Çerkezköy, Adana, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Diyarbakır, Kayseri, Malatya have participated in the fair and made purchases in considerable amounts. Among the countries where the majority of visitors came from, were: Turkey, Germany, Italy, China, India, France, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and USA.

Especially the executives of technology manufacturer companies, who participated in ITM Texpo Eurasia 2013, have emphasized that they found a chance to achieve important business connections and they were satisfied with the potential of visitors. The exhibited machines have found buyers in succession, and similarly some very important technological products which are still in production, or even only prototypes and are not yet produced, have been indented for later purchases. The fair visitors have declared their satisfaction with the opportunity of having a close look at the latest technologies and with the diversity of machineries. The officials of participant firms have mentioned they are pleased with the interest they draw and declared that these fairs are the best ways to reach the Turkish textile market and also to reach the neighboring countries. This great meeting where every participant was pleased will recur in 2016. After this important organization we are proud as a team because "We do the best when we do it." Indeed, our team has received a great deal of thanking both during and after the fair.

The fact that there was no disruption throughout the fair was our pride and joy. We feel joyful over organizing such an important meeting completely and smoothly on behalf our country. We believe that with our trust in the Turkish textile sector and your support, many best ITM organizations are awaiting us.

Wishing to meet in many other ITMs all together hand to hand...Sincere thanks to all of you...





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# GLOBAL TEXTILE SECTOR HAS RUSHED INTO ISTANBUL

ITM Texpo Eurasia, HIGHTEX International Technical Textiles and Nonwoven and Istanbul Yarn Fairs, all considered to be the greatest textile meetings not only in the country but also in the region, took place in Istanbul on the dates of 29 May- 1 June 2013. The meeting has gathered about 50.000 sector representatives from all around the world together.

This year ITM Texpo Eurasia, HIGHTEX International Technical Textiles and Nonwoven and Istanbul Yarn Fairs that recurred upon the heavy demand of the sector, has been organized by the partnership of Teknik Fuarçılık and Tüyap in cooperation with TEMSAD. This textile fair which has been organized on the dates of 29 May- 1 June 2013 in Büyükdere Tüyap Fair and Congress Center/ Istanbul, hosted approximately 50.000 worldwide representatives of the sector.

Taking place in 10 different halls and within an approximately 90.000m<sup>2</sup> area, this meeting brought 1223 companies and their representatives from 37 countries together. A variety of brand new models of the latest technologies that are used in every step of textile manufacturing including examples from yarn machines to weaving machines, weaving machines to nonwoven technologies, dying-finishing machines to printing digital printing machines have been presented in the fairs where Turkey's and the globe's leading textile companies introduced their newest technological innovations. Additionally, every product related to nonwoven and technical textiles and the brand new yarn models have been introduced in HIGHTEX 2013 and Istanbul Yarn Fair respectively.

In this great meeting where thousands of visitors from Turkey and from all around the world came together, the procurement committees from Uzbekistan, Iran and Pakistan took part as well. In addition to that there have been a lot of visitors and representatives of commerce chambers from the neighboring countries of Turkey and 70 countries in total where countries like Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina Croatia, Morocco, Tunisia and Greece took place on the top. The visitors from Arabic and Middle Eastern countries ranked among others and attracted attention. The countries where the highest number of foreign visitors came from are the following ones: Egypt [%19,4], Iran [%14,3], Bulgaria [%5,7], Russia [%4,4] and India [%4,2]. Other countries: Uzbekistan, Greece, Macedonia, Georgia, Serbia, Pakistan, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Azerbaijan, Syria, Ukraine, Croatia, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Brazil, Morocco, Tunisia, Poland, Germany, Spain, Romania,





# DOMOTEX RUSSIA RESCHEDULED

- Fair now to be staged in spring
- New dates for 2014: 1 to 3 April
- New venue: ARTPLAY Design Center in Moscow

DOMOTEX Russia has been moved to a new time slot in first half of the year. The second season of Russia's leading tradeshow for carpets and floor coverings will therefore now be held from 1 to 3 April 2014 instead of 25 to 27 September 2013 as originally planned. The venue has also changed, with Deutsche Messe AG's Russian subsidiary Deutsche Messe RUS now staging the fair at the ARTPLAY Design Center in Moscow instead of Moscow's Crocus Expo International Exhibition Center. "Many participating companies had requested that the fair be moved to the later slot to reflect Russia's unique market situation," explained Andreas Gruchow, a member of Deutsche Messe's Managing Board. "The Russian sales and order cycles and the country's summertime building and construction season favor running the fair in spring."

DOMOTEX, the world's leading trade fair for floor coverings, is held in Hannover, Germany, in January of each year. The new timing of DOMOTEX Russia, a spin-off of the main DOMOTEX fair in Germany, means that manufacturers of carpets and floor coverings can now complement their showcase at the main event with a second presentation in April that is targeted specifically at buyers and trade visitors from Russia and its neighboring states. "Staging DOMOTEX Russia in spring enables our exhibitors to better synchronize their offering with the Russian order cycle and to thus more effectively build their business in the Russian Federation and the Commonwealth of Independent States," Dr. Gruchow added. "We are confident that this move will further strengthen DOMOTEX Russia and boost the business development prospects of our international exhibitors in the booming Russian market."

DOMOTEX Russia showcases the full range of hand- and machine-made carpets, textile floor coverings,

parquet and laminate flooring and resilient floor coverings as well as application, laying, cleaning and maintenance technologies. Next year's show will also be complemented by a supporting program of conferences and events featuring a solid line-up of renowned industry experts.

Russia's leading fair for the carpet and floor coverings industry is aimed at distributors and purchasing executives from the wholesale and retail sectors in Russia and the CIS region. Other important target groups include architects and planners and decision makers from the building and construction industry. The new venue at the ARTPLAY Design Center in Moscow will further boost the fair's attractiveness to these target groups because it is also home to numerous interior design and architects' offices as well as showrooms for interior furnishings, art, fashion and other parts of the creative economy. "With its unique atmosphere, ARTPLAY is the perfect space for presentations of floor coverings as a high-quality design element for residential and commercial interiors," Dr. Gruchow said. "We are confident that the new space will be hugely appealing to architects, designers and interior designers in particular."

Deutsche Messe's support for companies interested in developing the Russian market goes well beyond April's fair in the Russian capital. To help its exhibitors forge valuable in-market contacts throughout the vast territory of the Russian Federation, Deutsche Messe has joined forces with Russian web portal flooring-expert.ru to stage regional industry conferences in Siberia and the Ural region. In the run-up to DOMOTEX Russia, exhibitors will have the opportunity to start building their regional networks on 11 February 2014 in Novosibirsk (Siberia) and on 19 March 2014 in Yekaterinburg (Ural Federal District).

DOMOTEX Russia got off to a flying start at its 2012 premiere in Moscow, attracting 145 international exhibitors and 4,120 trade visitors from Russia and the CIS states.