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## Asia Pacific Rayon Becomes Certified Responsible Viscose Manufacturer in Indonesia

**Jakarta, January 20, 2020** – Asia Pacific Rayon (APR) has obtained the Sustainable Textile Production (STeP) certification from OEKO-TEX®, an independent Swiss-based certification organisation for the responsible manufacturing of viscose staple fibre.

APR is the first viscose manufacturer in Indonesia to receive this internationally recognised certification. STeP by OEKO-TEX® certification is a rigorous modular analysis of chemicals, environmental performance, environmental management, occupational health and safety, social responsibility and quality management.



According to TESTEX, the approved independent auditors who conducted the 3-day facility audit in November 2019, APR was awarded Level Three, the highest ranking level for all six standard modules. The company's results were above average for a manufacturer in Indonesia.

By obtaining this certification, APR achieved another important milestone as part of its commitment to sustainability.

“Sustainability is the foundation of our business license to operate. This is a major achievement considering that APR just started its operations in December 2018. We are committed to becoming the most responsible viscose manufacturer operating in line with leading international standards” said Ben Poon, Business Head, Asia Pacific Rayon.

The company’s viscose staple fibre is also OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 certified to be free from any harmful substances and can be used in the production of products fit for use by babies.

**About STeP by OEKO-TEX®**

STeP by OEKO-TEX® is an independent certification system for brands, retailers and manufacturers from the textile and leather industry. Certification is suitable for production facilities at all processing stages who want to communicate their environmental measures externally in a credible and transparent way.

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**About Asia Pacific Rayon**

APR is the first integrated viscose-rayon manufacturer in Asia with a production capacity of 240,000 tonnes a year. APR started operating in December 2018 and is located in Pangkalan Kerinci, Riau province. APR’s wood fibre comes from sustainably-managed plantations that are traceable along the entire value chain from nursery to viscose-rayon. APR is committed to become a leading viscose-rayon producer that is sustainable, transparent, operationally efficient, serves the community’s and country’s interests and provides value to customers.

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