



APR Earns High Score on First Higg FSLM Verification

Pangkalan Kerinci, 14 November 2022: Asia Pacific Rayon (APR) has announced that the company received 84.6% for its first Higg Facility Social and Labour Module (FSLM) verification, completed in October 2022.

The FSLM is one of five modules in the Higg Index launched by the Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC). The Higg FSLM measures the social impact of manufacturing facilities across areas such as wages, working hours, health and safety, and employee treatment. It also helps to identify key focus areas for improvement.

The objective of FSLM assessment is to reduce the social labour impacts of the apparel and footwear industry around the world. Verification enables manufacturers to allocate resources on capacity building and to change the mind-set from compliance to performance improvement.

The FSLM uses the Social and Labour Convergence Program (SLCP) assessment tool and the verification is conducted according to the rules in the SLCP Verification Protocol. APR is a signatory to the SLCP since 2022.

“At APR, workplace health and safety is a fundamental principle and core to our Human Rights Policy. The outcome of the FSLM verification shows our commitment to our employees. However, there is much work to be done to address the gaps that were identified and we will not be satisfied until we meet all the criteria,” said Susan Slabbert, Head of Sustainability, Asia Pacific Rayon.

As a member of the SAC, APR also implements verified Higg Facility Environmental Module (FEM) since 2021.

About Asia Pacific Rayon:

Asia Pacific Rayon (APR) is the first integrated viscose rayon producer in Asia. Our factory is located in Pangkalan Kerinci, Riau and has a production capacity of 300,000 tonnes per year. APR is committed to becoming a leading viscose rayon producer. We believe in the principles of sustainability, transparency and operational excellence, and serving the interests of the community, country and climate. We seek to adhere to these principles while providing value to customers. The APR Sustainability Policy, updated in August 2022, includes additional commitments on pulp sourcing and clean manufacturing. APR is part of the RGE (Royal Golden Eagle) group of resource-based manufacturing companies.

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