

Interloop sets up Fongs yarn dyeing facilities

The largest and finest quality socks manufacturer in South Asia, Interloop Limited has set up an all-Fong's-equipped yarn dyeing facilities to ensure the quality of the final products.

Started with just 10 knitting machines in 1992 in Pakistan's industrial hub Faisalabad, which is also known as "Manchester of Pakistan", Interloop Limited now has some 2,300 units of machines and a workforce of more than 7,000.

The company is structured with a complete vertical integration offering a wide range of quality socks and dyed yarn worldwide and accredited with certification of ISO14001:2004, Oeko-Tex 100 and OHSAS18001:2007.

Interloop has been graced by the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry with "the Best Export Performance Trophy Award" for 7 times since year 2003.

With its strong foothold and presence in domestic yarn dyeing market, Interloop is working closely with Sapphire, Nishat, MTM, AZ Apparel, KCI, Five Star International, Hunbal Tex, Al-Rehmat Textile, Esha Fabrics, Elegant Malana, Regal Textile and Quetta Textile in Pakistan.

Interloop has also set sail to the international market years ago with its renowned partners in the industry, namely Nike, Reebok, Puma (Spain), Manta (Italy), Glider (Taiwan), Milords (UAE), Filartex (Italy), Richard Robert (Sri Lanka), Geofima (Czech Republic) and Bolitex (Portugal).

The cooperation between Interloop and Fong's started in 2006 and now 7 units of Fong's package dyeing machines and various drying systems have been installed at Interloop's yarn dyeing plant,



Mr. Ijaz Hussain, Deputy General Manager of Processing, Interloop Ltd.

which help increase its annual production to approximately 1,500 tons dyed yarn and 27,000,000 dozens of socks. "The reason we opted for Fong's package dyeing machines is the combination of the high performance, environmental features, reliability and the excellent quality of Fong's products," said Mr. Ijaz Hussain, Deputy General Manager of Processing at Interloop. "To supply the quality and high-value-added yarn remains a prime target of Interloop. Fong's ALLWIN package dyeing machine is able to produce the best quality yarn at a very competitive cost in terms of its energy saving and consumption of water and dye chemicals. Due to the very low liquor ratio of ALLWIN machines, our effluent load of water pollution is also quite low."

Fong's ALLWIN Machine offers an unprecedented liquor ratio as low as 1:4. Equipped with AIR+ Advanced Intelligent Rinsing System, the processing time for cotton yarn is as short as 276 minutes.

The total water and electricity consumption for dyeing medium to dark shade yarns are reduced to 34l/kg and 0.43kWh/kg respectively. The ILC Intelligent Levelling Control System monitors the water flow through the package from outside-in to inside-out and vice versa, which improves the levelling of

colour through out the whole package thereby reduces yarn loss and increases reproducibility from batch to batch.

The outstanding performances of these features save total production cost by 30%, making it a premium choice for yarn dyeing facilities everywhere. ♦



Fong's ALLWIN Package Dyeing Machines installed at Interloop's Dye-house.

Pakistan joins International Apparel Federation (IAF)

Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturer and Exporters Association (PRGMEA) has joined international apparel federation (IAF) to make Pakistan the 44th country to join hands with IAF on apparel trade.

IAF aims and objectives include the consolidation and collaboration between the apparel industries across the world to promote the fashion industries and to present innovative ideas and solutions to multiple challenges being faced by apparel industries.

Mr. Ijaz A. Khokhar, former Central Chairman recently attended the 25th World Apparel Convention in New Delhi, India in which PRGMEA was formally inducted as a full member of IAF.

Central chairman PRGMEA Mohsin Ayub Mirza said that becoming the member of a prestigious body like IAF would help Pakistani apparel industry and exporters to establish worldwide business contacts which foster dialogue and knowledge sharing, exchange between individuals active in the world apparel value chain for the betterment of business practices, promotion of the international image of Pakistani apparel sector. This will foster advancement of technology and the promotion of its use, encouragement of innovation and new ways of thinking and improvement of social, health and safety and environmental conditions relating to the apparel chain worldwide, and advancement of apparel education and training.

The IAF is a worldwide knowledge network that collects and disseminates information about statistics, benchmarking, on developments in apparel design, manufacturing, distribution, sourcing, trade and technology.

Mohsin said that soon efforts would be made to invite IAF participants from all over the globe to Pakistan along with different buyers and brands heads to explore the potential of Pakistani apparel industry. All this is possible once the law and order situation gets improved in the country. ♦