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## **Lenzing recognized for the second year in a row as global sustainable leader with triple “A” score by CDP**

- Lenzing one of only 12 companies worldwide that were recognized with an outstanding triple “A”
- Environmental leadership in climate change, water security and forests
- CDP as the gold standard of environmental reporting

Lenzing – The Lenzing Group, the world’s leading supplier of sustainably produced specialty fibers, has been recognized for leadership in corporate transparency and performance on climate change, forests and water security by global environmental non-profit CDP, securing a place on its annual “A List”.

Through significant demonstrable action on reducing climate impacts, water security risks and deforestation, Lenzing is leading on corporate environmental ambition, action and transparency worldwide. The world’s economy looks to CDP as the gold standard of environmental reporting with the richest and most comprehensive dataset on corporate and city action. In 2022, over 680 investors with over USD 130 trillion in assets and 280 major purchasers with USD 6.4 trillion in procurement spend requested companies to disclose data on environmental impacts, risks and opportunities through CDP’s platform. A record-breaking 18,700 companies responded.

“We are very proud that we have now been awarded a triple ‘A’ rating by CDP for the second time in a row. The rating shows that we are already on a very good path with our sustainability strategy and that the steps we are taking as the Lenzing Group to continuously improve and find solutions to the most pressing problems of our time are being seen and honored,” says Stephan Sielaff, CEO of the Lenzing Group. “We are working hard to make our industries even more sustainable and to drive the transformation of the textile business model from linear to circular. Further efforts from the entire industry are needed for this transformation to take place“, Sielaff said.

“CDP saw nearly 20,000 companies disclose environmental data this year, including 70 per cent of European companies by market value. COP27 showed the need for transformational change is more critical than ever if we are to limit warming to 1.5 °C. I’m therefore delighted that European companies make up nearly half of all ‘A List’ companies around the world, including 15 with two A scores and eight with triple ‘A’ scores for climate change, forests, and water security leadership. We must cut emissions by half and eliminate deforestation by 2030, alongside achieving water security on the same timescale – there is no route to 1.5°C without nature. With the EU’s ground-breaking new reporting regulation, the CSRD, now agreed, CDP ‘A List’ companies are showing they are ahead of the game – taking clear action to reduce emissions and to address environmental impacts throughout their value chains. This is the type of environmental transparency and action we need economy-wide to prevent ecological collapse”, says Maxfield Weiss, Executive Director CDP Europe.

### **Efficient use of resources**

Wood, the pulp derived from it and water are some of the most important raw materials for the sustainable production of cellulosic fibers from Lenzing and also part of the most important focus areas of the Lenzing Group’s sustainability strategy. Lenzing assumes responsibility by striving for sustainable procurement based on environmental certificates and responsible and efficient use of these valuable resources. Lenzing sources wood and dissolving pulp from sustainably managed forests and plantations and not from ancient, protected or endangered forests. Lenzing’s biorefinery process ensures that 100 percent of wood constituents are used: to produce dissolving wood pulp for fiber production, biorefinery products, and bioenergy.

With its REFIBRA™ and Eco Cycle technologies, Lenzing offers solutions for transforming the textile and nonwovens industries towards a circular economy. In line with its vision for the circular economy, “We give waste a new life. Every day.” Lenzing is driving the industry toward a full circular economy by striving to give waste a new life in all aspects of its core business and developing circular solutions together with potential partners inside and outside the current value chain.

### **Transparency and traceability of supply chains**

Transparency forms the basis for credible sustainability performance and also creates trust among customers and consumers. That is why Lenzing is committed to promoting digital solutions throughout the supply chain and improving transparency and traceability in the textile and nonwovens industry. This is crucial as only an honest engagement with the industry can ensure traceability that verifies the origin of Lenzing fibers throughout the supply chain, all the way to the finished garment. Lenzing’s fiber identification system and e-branding service form the basis of the overall approach to transparency, while the TextileGenesis™ blockchain project leverages data to enable maximum traceability. This demonstrates Lenzing’s leadership in a very opaque industry and offers products with better sustainability credentials. A more comprehensive understanding of Lenzing’s suppliers as well as downstream customers is equally critical to minimizing the Lenzing Group’s overall environmental

impact, leading the company on the right path to achieve a low-emission and CO<sub>2</sub> neutral footprint by 2050. Close digital connections throughout the network help to close loops in an efficient and holistic way and facilitate the transition from a linear to a circular supply chain.

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**About the Lenzing Group**

The Lenzing Group stands for ecologically responsible production of specialty fibers made from the renewable raw material wood. As an innovation leader, Lenzing is a partner of global textile and nonwoven manufacturers and drives many new technological developments.

The Lenzing Group's high-quality fibers form the basis for a variety of textile applications ranging from elegant clothing to versatile denims and high-performance sports clothing. Due to their consistent high quality, their biodegradability and compostability Lenzing fibers are also highly suitable for hygiene products and agricultural applications.

The business model of the Lenzing Group goes far beyond that of a traditional fiber producer. Together with its customers and partners, Lenzing develops innovative products along the value chain, creating added value for consumers. The Lenzing Group strives for the efficient utilization and processing of all raw materials and offers solutions to help redirect the textile sector towards a closed-loop economy. In order to reduce the speed of global warming and to accomplish the targets of the Paris Climate Agreement and the "Green Deal" of the EU Commission, Lenzing has a clear vision: namely to make a zero-carbon future come true.

**Key Facts & Figures Lenzing Group 2021**

Revenue: EUR 2.19 bn

Nominal capacity: 1,145,000 tonnes

Number of employees (headcount): 7,958

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