

TxC exhorts powerloom weavers to modernise to tackle onslaught of fabric imports

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, DEC. 15—

The government is well aware of the problems of the powerloom sector, which are multi-fold. The most critical is the prevalent low level of technology, observed Ms. Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner, here.

Addressing the 25th annual general meeting of the Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) noted that the technology level in most of the powerloom units is so primitive and production process so inefficient that they have no future in

modernisation of this pivotal sector, active involvement of PDEXCIL was required since it is one council which has been assigned the role of development of the sector alongwith increasing the export of powerloom sector.

Hence, we sought a time-bound short term, medium term and long term strategic approach note from the council in which outcome may be ensured so that we may propose a scheme to government, which may be implemented from April 2021, Textile Commissioner informed.



the integrated competitive world market and hence are most vulnerable to the threat of imports.

This situation calls for an urgent action plan to upgrade the technology of this segment of the powerloom sector to a minimum benchmark level which will enable them to face the onslaught of more cost effective imported fabrics, she said.

The fragmented nature of the powerloom units, Ms. Roop Rashi said, also deprives them of the benefits of economies of scale and credit facilities from banks. The consolidation of such units will certainly improve their position.

Therefore, for capacity building, strengthening and

Asahi Songwon Colors begins commercial operations at Guj plant of Asahi Tennants Color

AHMEDABAD, DEC. 15—

Ahmedabad-based Asahi Songwon Colors has announced commencement of commercial operations at Gujarat's Dahej plant of Asahi Tennants Color, its joint venture company with UK's Tennants Textile Colours Limited, set up to manufacture red and yellow pigments.

The company's joint venture plant at Dahej, set up at an investment of Rs 82 crore with Tennants Textile Colours Limited (TTC) of UK, has an installed capacity of 2,400 tonnes per annum, said the company in a release.

The JV, in which Asahi holds 51 per cent stake and TTC 49 per cent, was announced on October 22, 2019, and ground breaking ceremony of the plant was performed on December 12, 2019, with an expected date of commissioning in March 2021, said the company.

"It is our pleasure to announce that in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, we successfully commissioned the plant on December 14, four months before the original target date. We are going to work towards full capacity utilisation at the plant, and aim to double capacity by 2022," said the release quoting Arjun Jaykrishna, Executive Director, Asahi Songwon Colors.

The Dahej plant will enable Asahi to extend its global pigment presence, which is currently dominant in the phthalocyanine pigment space, to the full range of pigment colors, said the release.

Asahi Songwon's CEO Gokul Jaykrishna said that the commencement of operations of the JV company gives Asahi the perfect launching pad to widen its presence as a leading global supplier of pigments, and make a mark in the AZO pigment space, as per the company release. (PTI)

Indian Cotton Day of Cotton USA scheduled for today

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, DEC. 15—

The Cotton Council International and the leadership of the U.S. cotton industry are all set to host their very first Cotton Day in India. COTTON USA 2020 COTTON DAY would be hosted virtually today i.e. December 16, 2020.

Cotton has played a pivotal role in the success of Indian textile industry since many decades and the accomplishments of cotton goes beyond any other fiber.

The general session of the virtual Cotton Day event will include the presentations on leadership during a time of crisis, opportunities for Indian cotton industry and information on the global cotton market.

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2.0 Semi Dull	77-00
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1.2 S HT (OW)	86-10
1.2 Opt. White	82-40
1.2 Super Black	93-20
1.4 Super Black	92-20
Tow Normal	92-70
Tow TBL	102-50
Tow Super Blk	107-15
2.0/2.5 TBL	80-20

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122/72 SD	78-75
250/48 SD	73-00
51/14 SD	92-00
160/72 Brt	84-25
235/72 Brt	80-25

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Ex-Factory Basic Prices (Freight and GST Extra)

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75/34 SD NIM	96-50
155/48 SD HIM	90-00
155/48 SD NIM	87-50
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Branch	Variety	Parameters		Price Rs. per Candy
		Staple Length	Micronaire	
AKOLA	BB MOD	30	3.5-4.3	43700
	AURANGABAD H-4 MOD	28	3.5-4.7	42800
	INDORE H-4 MOD	28	3.5-4.7	42800
	AHMEDABAD S-6 SUP	28	3.6-4.8	43000
ADILABAD	BB MOD	30	3.5-4.3	43700
	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.5-4.3	43200
WARANGAL	MECH MOD	28	3.5-4.7	42800
	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.5-4.3	43200
MAHABUBNAGAR	MECH MOD	28	3.5-4.7	42800
	BB MOD	30	3.5-4.3	43700
GUNTUR	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.5-4.3	43200
	BB MOD	30	3.5-4.3	43700
BATHINDA	J 34 DR 28 MM	28	4.0-4.8	43200
	J 34 DR 27 MM	28	4.0-4.8	42800
SIRSA	J 34 DR 28 MM	28	4.0-4.8	43000
	J 34 DR 28 MM	28	4.0-4.8	43000
SRIGANGANAGAR	J 34 DR 28 MM	28	4.0-4.8	43000
	H-4 SUP CONV	28	3.5-4.7	43100
BHILWARA	H-4 SUP CONV	28	3.5-4.7	43100

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AKOLA	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	BB SPL MOD	29	3.8 - 4.3	42000
	H-4 MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA MOD	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
AURANGABAD	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	BB 29 mm	29	3.8 - 4.3	42000
	H-4 MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA Modern	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
INDORE	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	H-4 MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA Modern	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
AHMEDABAD	H-4 MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA Modern	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
	S-6 SUP	28.5	3.6 - 4.8	41800
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	S-6 SUP	28.5	3.6 - 4.8	41800
	S-6 26 mm +	26+	3.5 - 4.9	40800
ADILABAD	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.8 - 4.3	42000
	MECH MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA MOD	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
WARANGAL	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.8 - 4.3	42000
	MECH MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA MOD	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
MAHABUBNAGAR	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.8 - 4.3	42000
	MECH MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA MOD	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
GUNTUR	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	MECH MODERN	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA MOD	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
HUBLI	BB SPL. MOD	29	3.8 - 4.3	42000
	MECH MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	LRA MOD	27	3.8 - 4.7	41200
	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
RAYAGADA	BB MOD	30	3.8 - 4.3	42500
	MECH MOD	28	3.8 - 4.7	41600
	J 34 DR 28 MM	28	3.8 - 4.8	42000
	J 34 DR 27 MM	27	3.8 - 4.8	41600
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Ne 32/1 Carded Weaving Yarn	USD 2.83/Kg.	Ne 50/1 Combed Comp Wv Yarn	USD 4.03/Kg.
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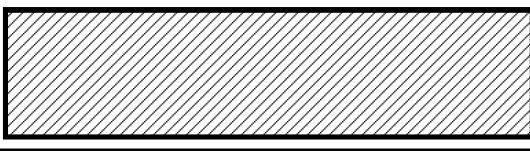
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80s x 80s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	59.25
70s x 90s / 92 x 104 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	72.00
60s x 60s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	55.25
60s x 60s / 92 x 88 - 67"	1/1 Plain	100% Micromodal	70.50
50s x 50s / 132 x 72 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Organic Cotton	76.50
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40 Compact x 40 Compact / 130 x 73 - 67"	2/1	74.00	77.00

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Quality	Weave	Reed	Ex Rate
30 Comp x 20 K Spandex (70d) / 160 x 90 On Loom	Dobby	73"	143.00
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38/1 Poly Recycle	135+GST
40/1 Poly Virgin	148+GST
40/1 Poly Magic slub	181+GST
47/1 Poly Recycle	147+GST
21/1 Viscose Slub	191+GST
30/1 Viscose plain	183+GST
30/1 Viscose Slub	205+GST
40/1 Viscose Slub	216+GST
40/1 PV Magic Slub	194+GST
16/1 Cotton Encounter	171+GST
21/1 Cotton Rancho Slub KW	198+GST
21/1 Cotton Jaykha Slub KW	204+GST
27/1 Cotton Moon Line KW	176+GST
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30/1 Cotton Cotstar Slub	217+GST
32/1 Cotton KW Warp	206+GST
34/1 Cotton K Weft	196+GST

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US Cotton Market Fundamentals & Price Outlook**RECENT PRICE MOVEMENT**

Most international benchmark prices increased over the past month.

* The NY March futures contract climbed from 70 cents/lb to 74 cents/lb.

* Cotlook's A Index rose from 76 to 80 cents/lb.

In international terms, the China Cotton Index (CC Index 3128B) increased from 100 to 102 cents/lb. In domestic terms, values climbed from 14,500 to 14,700 RMB/ton. The RMB strengthened against the USD, from 6.60 to 6.53 RMB/USD.

* Indian cotton prices (Shankar-6 quality) increased from 69 to 71 cents/lb. In domestic terms, values increased from 40,200 to 40,700 INR/candy. The Indian rupee was steady against the USD near 74 INR/USD.

* In international terms, Pakistani prices decreased from 74 to 72 cents/lb. In domestic terms, prices eased from 9,700 to 9,500 PKR/maund. The Pakistani rupee was steady against the USD near 159 PKR/USD.

SUPPLY, DEMAND, & TRADE

The latest USDA report featured a 2.2 million bale reduction to the global production forecast (to 113.9 million) and a 1.6 million bale increase to the global consumption forecast (to 115.6 million). The combination of a smaller crop and higher offtake caused the projection for 2020/21 ending stocks to drop 3.9 million bales to 97.5 million.

While this is a significant reduction relative to figures suggested in previous months, the current estimate for stocks remains very high by historical standards. Only last crop year (99.4 million bales), when stocks climbed due to the collapse in mill-use with COVID, and in the years surrounding the peak levels of Chinese reserves (in 2013/14 and 2014/15 global ending stocks were 99.9 and 106.8 million) were warehoused supplies higher than they are expected to be at the end of 2020/21.

Meanwhile, COVID remains a threat to the global economy and global cotton demand. World mill-use is predicted to recover in 2020/21 (was 102.2 million bales in 2019/20), but the projection of 115.6 million bales is still safely below the volumes over 120 million from 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Due to the drought in West Texas and the series of hurricanes during the growing season, a decrease in the production estimate for the U.S. had been anticipated for several months. This month, the forecast for the U.S. crop was lowered 1.1 million bales to 15.9 million. Several other countries also saw harvest expectations decrease, and other notable reductions were made for India (-500,000 bales to 29.5 million), Pakistan (-500,000 bales to 4.5 million), and Australia (-100,000 bales to 2.4 million). The current forecast for Pakistan calls for the lowest level of production since 1983/84.

Most significant changes to country-level consumption figures were positive. These included the 1.0 million bale increase for India (to 24.0 million), a 500,000 bale increase for China (to 38.0 million), and a 200,000 bale increase for Pakistan (to 10.0 million). Thailand was the only country with a notable reduction for 2020/21 mill-use (-125,000 bales to 700,000).

The global trade estimate increased slightly, rising 330,000 bales to 43.2 million. In terms of imports, the largest updates were

for China (+500,000 bales to 10.0 million), Pakistan (+400,000 bales to 4.7 million), Bangladesh (-400,000 bales to 6.9 million), Thailand (-120,000 bales to 700,000), and Indonesia (-100,000 bales to 2.8 million). For exports, the largest changes were for the U.S. (+400,000 bales to 15.0 million), Argentina (+125,000 bales to 550,000), and Australia (-100,000 bales to 1.4 million).

PRICE OUTLOOK

The latest USDA revisions underline divergent supply and demand related influences on cotton prices. From one side, there is the global production deficit in 2020/21. From the other side, there is the massive accumulation of global stocks that occurred in 2019/20.

Macro influences are also mixed. Global daily COVID diagnoses continue to set new records. This has been a result of surges in many locations, including the U.S., Europe, and Latin America. Nearly simultaneously, multiple vaccines were proven effective. The vaccination process is already underway in a few locations and is slated to accelerate quickly.

The rise in COVID cases triggered new restrictions on consumer activity. This will affect overall economic growth, which is correlated with cotton demand. It can also have more focused effects by shuttering brick-and-mortar retail outlets. However, consumers and retailers have had nearly a year to adapt to COVID-driven market conditions, and many sales have migrated online. U.S. spending on apparel (online and brick-and-mortar) was higher year-over-year for the second consecutive month in October (latest month with data available). Apparel spending in the U.S. and elsewhere could shift higher if vaccines succeed in lifting the weight of COVID.

Into this swirl of influences, the U.S. announced a ban on products made with fiber grown or processed by the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC) or its subsidiaries. For context, the XPCC produces about a third of all cotton grown in China. The traceability requirements to prove or disprove XPCC content are unknown. Trade lawyers have indicated that the ban extends to third party countries that import intermediate textiles from China and convert them into goods that are eventually sent to the U.S.

In the 2019 calendar year (pre-COVID), China directly exported the raw fiber equivalence of five million bales of apparel, home furnishings, and intermediate textiles to the U.S. During the same period, China imported more than eight million bales of cotton fiber and more than eight million bales of cotton yarn. The implication is that China could meet its direct U.S. import demand three times over using the foreign fiber and yarn it has already been getting from the rest of the world.

However, China also exports a lot of fabric. With the ban extending to third party countries, it could be argued that the ban could encourage China and other countries to import more from non-Chinese sources. But, China could also choose to retaliate, and China has proven a willingness to respond. Examples include the series of supplemental tariffs China placed on U.S. goods since 2018 and the unofficial ban enforced on Australian cotton in reaction to criticism over human rights abuses in Xinjiang. If China does react, it could be expected to be harmful to global demand and prices.

Rupee skids 8 paise against US dollar to end at 73.63**Indian economy likely to return to pre-COVID level by end of current fiscal year: Rajnath Singh**

NEW DELHI, DEC. 15--

Mr Rajnath Singh, Minister for Defence, Govt of India, has asserted that the Indian economy is likely to return to pre-COVID-19 levels by the end of the current fiscal year which is much earlier than expected. "It is the strength of our economy that India during April-August 2020 received the highest ever FDI," he added.

Addressing the virtual Valedictory Session of 'FICCI's 93rd Annual Convention', Mr Singh said that our focus on infrastructure building has not diminished and we see that it is a great multiplier in terms of employment.

Speaking on the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Mr Singh said, "It is a watershed moment in the history of Indian economy and the undermining of global supply chain has strengthened it further." The defence sector would play a significant role in revival of the economy, he added.

"We should catch the next wave of lowering global manufacturing cost to strengthen our manufacturing in the defense sector," he said. Our achievements in the defense sector has multiple spin off effects to other sectors of the

future. Besides, subdued trading in domestic equities also put pressure on the domestic currency, forex traders said.

Analysts also said that investors refrained from taking large positions ahead of the Fed monetary policy decision due on Wednesday.

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The Indian rupee depreciated by 8 paise to settle at 73.63 against the US dollar on Tuesday, taking cues from weaker Asian peers against the American currency.

Besides, subdued trading in domestic equities also put pressure on the domestic currency, forex traders said.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.62 against the US dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 73.59 and a low of 73.67.

The local unit finally closed at 73.63 against the American currency, registering a fall of 8 paise over its previous close.

"The Indian rupee depreciated marginally against the dollar this Tuesday tracking weakness in most regional currencies as risk appetite waned as many countries are imposing fresh COVID-19 restrictions which could derail a global economic recovery," Sriram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities, said.

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economy.

Mr Singh also urged the industry to take the opportunity to make defence platforms not only for India but for the world.

"We have opened doors for the private sector, incentivized domestic production, creating defence corridors. We are also willing to engage meaning full joint ventures and partnership with other countries. It is time that industry examines this opportunity with both pride and priority."

He further said that as one of the largest forces of the world, India is still dependent on imports in critical areas. "We may have made some important strides in defence production, a lot more can and must be done. "Private sector can be an important stakeholder in achieving our ambitious target of Rs 1,75,000 crore of defence production and Rs 35,000 crores of defence exports," he emphasized.

Highlighting the strength of Indian companies, Mr Singh also stated that we have witnessed how different companies rose to the challenge of addressing the demand for medical equipment during COVID. The crisis has proved that India has always been

futuristic and believed in finding permanent solutions. "This govt is action-driven and believes in tackling the problem heads on," he noted.

The Defence Minister also applauded the Indian entrepreneurs who toiled hard and through innovations managed to meet the huge demands of masks, PPE Kits, Sanitizers and Ventilators during the pandemic. "India has the potential to emerge as the manufacturing hub in healthcare. We should catch the next wave of manufacturing and need to take advantage of global shift in manufacturing to Asia," said Mr Singh.

Dr Sangita Reddy, President, FICCI said that the defence sector has seen several transformative changes towards attaining the goal of Atmanirbhar Rasksha Utpadhan. "With this pace of positive and meaningful reform, enabling the 'Make in India' movement, India will soon become a net importer of Defence equipment. Indian defence sector is one of the important drivers of the engine of growth and can raise the contribution of manufacturing from 16 per cent of GDP to a target of 25 per cent by 2025."

Prices remain firm Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles – Spring Edition to be held in March 2021

By Cotton Man

MUMBAI, DEC. 15—

The cotton prices continued to remain firm. The demand from the mill industry was good.

Quality	Rate	Arrival in Bales State Wise
NORTH ZONE (RATES IN MAUND)		
Punjab - New Crop	J-34 SG	4110-4130
	J-34 RG	4330-4360
		8000
Haryana - New Crop	J-34 SG	4275-4290
	J-34 RG	4235-4340
		18000
Rajasthan - New Crop	J-34 SG	4240-4290
	J-34 RG	4231-4340
		15000
Lower Raj in bales	New - H-4 28 mm	39700-40700
	NEW -H-4 29 mm	40000-41000
		9000
CENTRAL ZONE (RATES IN BALES)		
Gujarat		
V-797 (Kalayan) 22 mm	26500-27000	
NEW CROP S6 28.5 mm	40700-41200	
NEW CROP S-6 29.0 mm	41500-42000	55000
Maharashtra		
New - MECH 1-K'desh 29 mm	40500-41500	
MECH 1 - M'thawad 28-29 mm	41000-41500	
Bunny-Vidarbha 29-30mm	41500-42500	
MCU-5 (Sillod) 31 mm	43300-43800	7000
Madhya Pradesh		
MECH -1 29 mm-RD 70--71	39000-39500	
MECH -1 29 mm-RD 72--73	40000-40500	
MECH -1 29+ mm-RD 74--75	41000-41500	
DCH-32 33-35 mm	53500-56500	10000
SOUTH ZONE (RATES IN BALES)		
Andhra Pradesh		
Bunny/Brahma (Adilabad) 29-30 mm	41500-42500	
MECH - 1 (Warangal) 29-30 mm	41500-42500	
MCU-5 (Guntur) 29 to 31 mm	42500-43500	60000
Karnataka		
New Crop - Bunny / BT 30-31 mm	41500-42000	
MCU-5 30 mm	42500-43500	
DCH-32 33-35 mm	55000-58000	14000
ORISSA		
MCU-5 30 mm	42000-42500	
MCU-5 31 mm	43000-43500	7500
		Total Arrivals 2,66,500

Indian Cotton Federation

(Per Candy 2019-20 Crop)

V-797 - OLD	27200	MCU-5	43600
J-34 (RG)	41170	DCH-32	57200
H-4	40300	MECH -1	40800
Sankar-6	40700		#

COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

State	Staple	Mic	Per Candy
P/H/R- ICS-101	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	39200
P/H/R-ICS-201 (SG)	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	39700
GUJ-ICS-102	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	27000
KAR-ICS-103	23mm	4.0 – 5.5	30200
M/M(P)-ICS-104 -	24mm	4.0 – 5.5	37700
P/H/R(U)-ICS-202 (SG)	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	40900
M/M(P)/SA/TL-ICS-105	26mm	3.0 – 3.4	34000
P / H / R(U)-ICS-105	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	41400
M/M(P) /SA/TL/G- ICS-105	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	35900
M/M(P)/SA/TL-ICS-105	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	37400
P/ H/R(U)-ICS-105	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	41800
M/M(P)-ICS-105	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	40600
SA/TL-ICS-105	28mm	3.8 – 4.2	40900
GUJ-ICS-105	28mm	3.8 – 4.2	41000
R(L)-ICS-105	29mm	3.7 – 4.9	41400
M/M(P)-ICS-105	29mm	3.8 – 4.2	41700
SA/TL/K-ICS-105	29mm	3.8 – 4.2	41800
GUJ-ICS-105	29mm	3.8 – 4.2	41800
M/M(P)-ICS-105	30mm	3.8 – 4.2	42500
SA/TL/K/O-ICS-105	30mm	3.8 – 4.2	42500
M/M(P)-ICS-105	31mm	3.8 – 4.2	43700
SA/TL/K/TN/O-ICS-105	31mm	3.8 – 4.2	43600
SA/TL/K/TN/O-ICS-106	32mm	3.5 – 4.9	44700
M/M(P)-ICS-107	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	58700
K/TN-ICS-107	34mm	3.0 - 3.8	60200

U.S. Futures Daily Cotton Market

14 December 2020

Contract	Open*	High	Low	Close*	Settle	Change
Mar '21	74.20	75.20	74.20	74.74	74.67	+0.59
May '21	75.06	76.02	75.06	75.59	75.51	+0.62
Jul '21	75.85	76.69	75.85	76.25	76.20	+0.66
Oct '21	74.10	74.34	74.10	74.34	74.00	+0.53
Dec '21	72.65	73.40	72.65	72.78	72.90	+0.53

*Open and Close prices reflect the first and last trade in the market and do not correlate to any opening or closing period

From Tecoya NewsDesk

MUMBAI, DEC. 15—

The Spring Edition of Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles will return to the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai) from 10 – 12 March 2021, together with four other textile events including Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics – Spring Edition, Yarn Expo Spring, CHIC and PH Value. The fairs will offer an all-round business platform and a host of exciting synergy effects for the sector.

Held during the traditional peak sourcing season of the Chinese home textile industry, as well as being located in the commercial hub of China, the fair is an effective way for companies to start the year right and introduce new product collections. The 2019 edition attracted 22,296 trade buyers from 60 countries and regions, as well as 291 exhibitors from 10 countries and regions. Buyers' natures ranged from manufacturers, designers and retailers to trading companies, hotels and many more – providing ample opportunities across the home textile supply chain.

High-quality finished products to be offered

In March 2021, the Spring Edition will showcase a selection of home textile products including bedding & towelling, rugs, table & kitchen linen, home textile technologies, textile design and many more. Additionally, the fair will be held concurrently with Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics – Spring Edition, Yarn Expo Spring, CHIC and PH Value, offering a comprehensive sourcing platform for the sector.

Lenzing views Intertextile as an ideal

platform to present their sustainable home products

The Lenzing Group, the world's leading producer of man-made cellulose fibres, is amongst the major industry players who have already confirmed their participation in the upcoming fair. Ms Lesley Wu, Home Textile Business Development at Lenzing

Fibers (Shanghai), talked about new market trends in the post-pandemic era and the reasons they decided to join the Spring Edition of Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles:

"Even though the home textile industry has, to some extent, been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, there are both opportunities and challenges for the sector. Without a doubt, environmental protection and sustainable development are the hottest topics in today's society. Consumers are paying more attention to healthy lifestyles and looking to make a shift to green consumption as a result of the pandemic. More and more consumers are opting for functional and sustainable raw materials. Environmentally sustainable fibres are therefore gaining popularity."

"Right now, we expect the home textile industry will continue its steady recovery. Home textile companies may look for opportunities in product and marketing innovations, such as developing functional and sustainable home textile products and exploring various O2O business model options," Ms Wu added.

Lastly, Ms Wu shared why they chose to participate in Intertextile: "We decided to exhibit at Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles because it is an influential trade fair for the industry. As the Lenzing Group has been expanding in the home textile market, we want to use this platform to showcase the applications for TENCEL™ branded fibres in home textiles, and to further promote sustainability through our TENCEL™ Home cellulosic fibres."

Online pre-registration is now open for visitors worldwide. To pre-register prior to the fair, visitors may visit www.intertextilehome.com/its21/vor.

Intertextile Shanghai Home Textiles – Spring Edition is organised by Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd; the Sub-Council of Textile Industry, CCPIT; and the China Home Textile Association (CHTA).

Exports dip 8.74% Farmers protest may impact economic recovery: CII in November 2020

NEW DELHI, DEC. 15--

The country's exports dipped 8.74 per cent to USD 23.52 billion in November on account of contraction in shipments of key sectors like petroleum, engineering, chemicals and gems and jewellery, official data showed on Tuesday.

Trade deficit during the month narrowed to USD 9.87 billion as imports too declined by 13.32 per cent to USD 33.39 billion, the data showed.

During April-November 2020-21, exports dropped by 17.76 per cent to USD 173.66 billion, while imports contracted by 33.55 per cent to USD 215.69 billion.

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The current agitation by farmers in many parts of India has led to disruption in supply chains and logistics. This will have a bearing on the economy over the coming days and may impinge the ongoing recovery from the economic contraction due to COVID.

The farmers' protest which has intensified over the past couple of weeks has led to obstruction of traffic and road blockades across multiple checkpoints in the northern states of Delhi-NCR, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, and in smaller measure, in many other states. The already broken supply-chain which was recovering post the pandemic induced lockdown has

been under severe stress.

Around two-third consignment in transit are taking 50 percent extra time to reach destination in states of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi-NCR. In addition, the transport vehicles are forced to travel up to 50 percent longer to reach Delhi from the warehouses in Haryana, Uttarakhand and Punjab. This may push logistics cost by up-to 8 to 10%. Many companies in industrial belt surrounding Delhi are facing labour shortages as people struggle to reach production facilities from neighbouring towns. Mr Nikhil Sawhney, Chairman, CII Northern Region said, "The ongoing farm agitation requires an immediate amicable solution as it is

impacting not only the economic growth but also putting a huge dent to the supply chain which is affecting the large and small industries alike."

The effect of the agitation is more acute for industries in hilly regions of HP, Uttarakhand and J&K who are dependent on goods transported by road. There is also uncertainty around the transportation of farm products to the major markets of Delhi-NCR, it could lead to significant losses to the farm sector in these states. Tourism, a major revenue and livelihood source in these states, is likely to get adversely impacted at a crucial time when the sector is looking forward to regaining some momentum following the unlocking of the economy.

APR releases inaugural sustainability progress report

MUMBAI, DEC. 15—

Asia Pacific Rayon (APR) has released its inaugural Sustainability Progress Report covering the first 18 months of its operations from January 2019 to June 2020. Formally inaugurated by Indonesia President Joko Widodo in February 2020, APR is a vertically integrated operation from renewable fibre plantations to high-value textile manufacturing facilities, located in in Riau, Sumatra.

APR's effort to report on its sustainability performance underscores the company's commitment to responsible viscose production. The report, themed 'Creating Sustainable Value, From Plantation to Fashion', details APR's sustainability efforts which are focussed on clean manufacturing, sustainable sourcing, and initiatives in support of employees and communities.

Basrie Kamba, APR Director, said: "In our first 18 months of business, we focussed on laying a strong foundation by embedding sustainability in the way we operate – whether as a manufacturer, an employer, a member of the local community or a global corporate citizen. Our operations are guided by our sustainability policy. We sought to actively monitor our performance so as to develop a baseline from which to improve on, and to benchmark ourselves against industry peers, with the aim to be a top quartile viscose producer."

MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE

Notably, APR has attained a string of certifications relating to manufacturing, sourcing and product. It is the first viscose manufacturer in Indonesia to receive the internationally recognised STeP by OEKO-TEX certification. APR's products carries the labels of OEKO-TEX Standard 100, USDA Biobased, MADE in GREEN by OEKO-TEX, Medically "Tested-Tested for Toxins" by FKT. It obtained ISO 9001 for quality management and 14001 for environmental management systems, and OHSAS 18001 for occupational health and safety management systems. Its PEFC Chain of Custody certification confirms sourcing from 100% certified dissolving wood pulp.

Further, in September 2020, APR updated its sustainability policy, strengthening its clean manufacturing commitment to the ZDHC Roadmap and adopting a time-bound roadmap to meet the emissions and consumption levels set out in EU BAT.

CONTRIBUTING TO INDONESIA AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

As Indonesia's leading integrated viscose producer, APR contributes to the transformation of the country's textile industry, supporting the realisation of Indonesia's 'Industry 4.0' vision. APR actively partners local fashion stakeholders to promote viscose as an enabler for sustainable fashion and launched "Everything Indonesia" as a catalyst to revitalise Indonesia as a global centre for textile manufacturing. The company's blockchain-based 'Follow Our Fibre' platform provides transparency and traceability of its viscose from seed to bale.

APR has also been in active engagement with its community stakeholders with programmes aimed at improving rural education standards and empowering livelihoods of women. In response to the COVID-19 health pandemic, the company provided 15,000 PPE gowns, 150,000 medical face masks and pairs of surgical gloves to Riau's COVID-19 taskforce. It distributed 11,000 household packages to impacted communities in 176 villages across Pelalawan and 165 hygiene kits to maternal and child health centres. APR produced 88,000 fabric masks and distributed them to employees, their families and households in surrounding communities.

"It has been our great pleasure to work with APR on its first sustainability report. As a new player in the man-made cellulosic fibre industry, APR has an opportunity to bring innovation and solutions that can help shape a more sustainable textile and apparel industry. The transparency and accountability that sustainability reporting brings is incredibly important for APR to build trust and engage stakeholders in its sustainability efforts, as well as to continuously improve on its sustainability performance," said Thomas Milburn, Corporate Citizenship Director.