**PRESS RELEASE**

**Freudenberg establishes Apparel Technical Solution Center – Asia to expand innovation capabilities**

**Weinheim (Germany) / Nantong (China), August 6, 2022.** **Freudenberg Performance Materials Apparel (Freudenberg) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Apparel Technical Solution Center – Asia at its Nantong factory in China to expand the company’s innovation capabilities. With floor space of 900 m2, the new center offers unparalleled technical expertise and innovations to apparel customers from nearly all apparel segments in Asia and around the world.**

**New capabilities with the Apparel Technical Solution Center – Asia**

Committed to bringing enhanced technical support and services tailored to customers’ needs, the dedicated Apparel Technical Solution Center – Asia (ATSC) is equipped with cutting-edge technology. This includes a wide variety of fusing and bonding machines, laser and ultrasonic cutters, specialized sewing machines for sportswear applications, fiber filling machines for insulation applications, and washing and dry-cleaning machines that meet GB and AATCC standards.

The ATSC offers unparalleled technical know-how to help customers design complex apparel solutions. In particular, it furthers Freudenberg’s dedication to joint innovations with sportswear customers and to finding technical solutions for performance applications.

Jonathan Oh, Senior Vice President & General Manager of Freudenberg Performance Materials Apparel, said: “Our new Apparel Technical Solution Center – Asia in Nantong represents Freudenberg’s continued commitment to offering the best in innovation and quality. As we continue to improve service offerings, the Nantong factory as an important R&D and technical hub will advance the ongoing development of a robust supply chain with high-quality, innovative products for our customers in Asia and around the world.”

**Further innovation at the Nantong factory**

The factory was moved to the Nantong Economic and Technological Development Area to meet increased production demand with state-of-the-art technological capabilities. Covering an area of nearly 50,000 m2 with cotton interlining, bi-elastic fusible interlining, and preformed materials production lines, the new site went into operation in 2021.

Dedicated to continuously improving production quality, the new factory also includes an innovative online defect detection system. This system enables defect information to be captured in real time and sent to operators for immediate adjustments, increasing the rate of A-grade bi-elastic interlinings and shirt interlinings. Furthermore, the online weft density automatic adjustment system helps improve the stability of the drying process and the quality of semi-finished products.

Freudenberg will continue to provide customers with excellent products and solutions, while advancing the development of the industry through innovation.

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