

## Press information

### **SCIESSENT awarded new ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification for sustainable textile chemicals**

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Zürich (June 1, 2016)-- The OEKO-TEX® Association is pleased to announce that Sciessent, the leading provider of antimicrobial and odor absorption solutions for the textile and apparel industries, is the first U.S. company to receive the new ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification for sustainable textile chemicals. OEKO-TEX® issued the ECO PASSPORT certification for Sciessent's LAVA XL™ next generation self-regenerating odor control technology. In addition to being the first certificate recipient in the U.S., Sciessent was a critical participant in the six-month pilot test of the new ECO PASSPORT program.

"The ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification is an important part of our overall sustainability commitment," says Steven Cunningham, Director of Marketing for Sciessent. "ECO PASSPORT provides a confidential, verifiable mechanism for us to confirm to our customers that Lava XL meets their strict criteria for environmentally responsible textile production."

"We appreciate Sciessent's participation in the development of this powerful new certification tool for sustainable textile chemical manufacturers," says Georg Dieners, OEKO-TEX® General Secretary. "Their expert input throughout the pilot phase was instrumental in finalizing the ECO PASSPORT verification process and validating that it is a robust and meaningful certification system."

ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® analyzes textile chemicals, colorants, and auxiliaries in a two-step process that confirms that the compounds and individual ingredients meet specific criteria for sustainability, safety, and regulatory compliance. Chemical compounds are checked against the comprehensive OEKO-TEX® list of concerning substances that is compliant with REACH and ZDHC guidelines. The compounds also undergo laboratory evaluation to ensure that they do not contain unsafe contaminants. Compounds that pass these two phases are granted the ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification indicating that the certified textile chemical is safe to use in OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certified textile products and in STeP by OEKO-TEX® certified manufacturing facilities.

More information about the ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification is available at [www.oeko-tex.com](http://www.oeko-tex.com). To learn more about Sciessent and Lava XL, please visit [www.sciessent.com](http://www.sciessent.com).

#### **More about OEKO-TEX®**

The International OEKO-TEX® Association, headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, was founded in 1992 by the Austrian Textile Research Institute OETI and the German

Hohenstein Research Institute. Currently, its membership includes 16 independent textile research and testing institutes with their representative offices in 60 countries worldwide. To date, more than 150,000 OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certificates have been issued—with more than 14,000 issued per year—and 10,000 manufacturers, brands, and retailers in 98 countries are working with OEKO-TEX® to ensure that their products are tested for potentially harmful substances. Now available are the STeP by OEKO-TEX® certification for sustainable textile product manufacturing facilities, the MySTeP by OEKO-TEX® database management tool, the ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification for textile chemical compounds, and the Made in Green by OEKO-TEX® label for OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certified products produced in accordance with OEKO-TEX® guidelines. OEKO-TEX® certified products and suppliers can be located in the OEKO-TEX® Online Buying Guide at [www.oeko-tex.com/products](http://www.oeko-tex.com/products). Connect with OEKO-TEX® on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/oekotex](http://www.Facebook.com/oekotex) and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/OEKO\\_TEX\\_Int](http://www.twitter.com/OEKO_TEX_Int).

## **About Sciessent LLC**

Sciessent is a leading provider of customized antimicrobial solutions that enhance the value of customers' products. Agion® antimicrobial solutions from Sciessent have been incorporated into a wide range of healthcare, industrial, and consumer applications, including medical devices such as central-venous catheters and IV-access ports, drinking-water applications like water filters and ice-making equipment, and textiles and apparel. The company's brands include Agion, Agion Active, Agion Active XL, Lava and Lava XL and are based on naturally occurring elements. Sciessent customers include leading international brands including Vygon, Medegen, Scotsman, Everpure, Follett, Honeywell, 10X, REI, Drake Waterfowl, Adidas, Reebok, and Skechers.