



As a fiber suppliers, brand at 100% rPET, or partner organization member of Textile Exchange rPET Working Group, **Textile Exchange invites _____ to sign on showing your support of the commitment being made by brands and retailers to** grow their use of rPET by at least 25% from 2017 use (as reported in the 2017 Textile Exchange Preferred Fiber and Materials Market Report) by the year 2020.

The 2017 Textile Exchange Preferred Fiber and Material Market Report is reporting participant rPET usage as 52,000mt**. A 25% increase by 2020 would provide the following benefits***:

- 2,868,000,000 bottles diverted from landfill.
- 35,329,509 kg reduction in human toxicity.
- 1,849,464 MJ saved on primary energy demand.
- 122,823 kg reduced Co2.

The rPET Working Group believes that supporting, on a pre-competitive basis, investment in further developing rPET production around the globe, will lead to more efficient supply chains and increase the availability of more sustainable fiber choices in the market.

The goal of the rPET Working Group is to identify and support more sustainable practices under Sustainable Development Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), which encourages “industries, businesses and consumers to recycle and reduce waste.”

Reducing the use of virgin polyester, which is made from non-renewable, natural resources, will favorably impact SDG Target 12.2 designed to achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources, including reducing material footprint under SDG Target 12.2.1. In addition, the increased use of rPET delivers on SDG Target 14.1, which addresses the prevention and reduction of marine pollution. <http://textileexchange.org/sustainable-development-goals/>

The end result will be meeting the group’s long term goals to replace virgin PET with rPET, increase the global availability of rPET, and document cost inputs comparing virgin and rPET, highlighting each product’s value.

Action requested:

To signify that _____ is supportive of a 25% rPET increase commitment by 2020, please simply sign below and send a copy to Materials@TextileExchange.org.

Name of representative

Warm wishes,
Your Friends at Textile Exchange