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Beyond MRSL conformance: Hohenstein and Scivera collaborate on pathway to verified, greener chemical formulations

BOENNIGHEIM, Germany and CHARLOTTESVILLE, USA (June 24, 2020) – Hohenstein and Scivera have streamlined the process for chemical suppliers to assess and validate preferred chemicals and to proactively improve formulations to ZDHC MRSL conformance level 3 and beyond for apparel, footwear and home textiles.

The collaboration integrates software, certification and analytical testing to enable suppliers to improve and verify greener formulations. Brands taking action to move beyond MRSL compliance, including Levi Strauss & Co., will benefit from meeting ZDHC goals along with verified greener chemistries they can trust.

“Progressive brands and chemical suppliers are showing strong leadership that will positively impact our industry, consumer safety and the environment,” John Frazier, senior technical director at Hohenstein, said. “This is a systems approach to achieve then move beyond MRSL compliance to verified, greener chemistry.”

Engaging with Hohenstein or Scivera as their lead service provider, chemical suppliers can take advantage of the streamlined process to meet greener chemistry requirements for a growing number of brands. Formulations certified with Screened Chemistry through Scivera and conforming to ZDHC MRSL level 3 through ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® with Hohenstein can go beyond level 3 by assessing and verifying greener attributes.

“Greener chemistry means formulating and using chemistries that have verified, preferred characteristics to create safer conditions for workers, consumers and the environment. When applied together, the powerful tools offered by Hohenstein and Scivera remove barriers, enable continuous improvement and make greener chemistry attainable,” Joe Rinkevich, President at Scivera, said.

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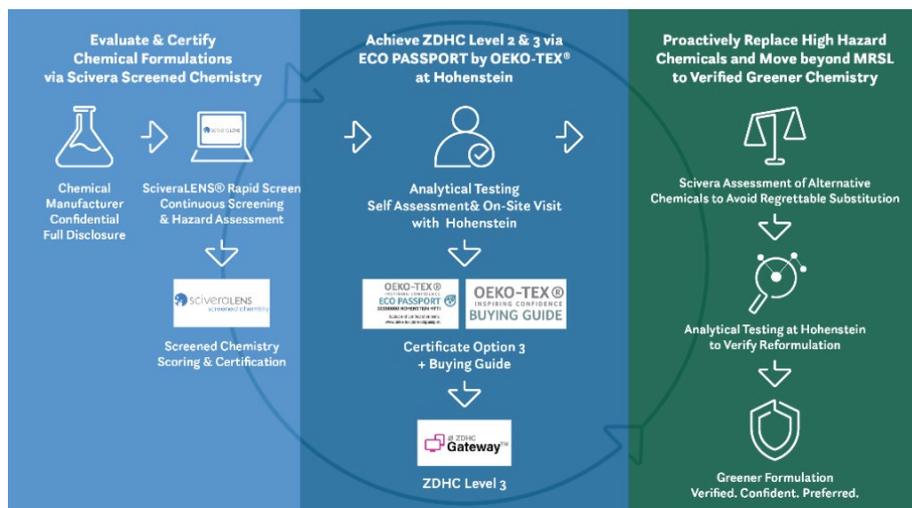
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Hohenstein offers the ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification to manage and verify chemicals, dyes and auxiliaries. Following RSL/MRSL screening, analytical testing, feedback and assessments, certified chemicals are listed in the OEKO-TEX® Buying Guide and pushed to the ZDHC Chemical Gateway at MRSL conformance levels 1, 2 or 3.

Scivera offers its globally accessible platform, SciveraLENS®, to support their Screened Chemistry Scoring and Certification for hazard assessment of formulation ingredients and impurities. Through the platform, users evaluate the characteristics of individual chemicals and formulations for sourcing and formulation decisions and preview these results to improve scores and avoid regrettable chemical substitutions.

For more information, go to Hohenstein.US/GreenerChemistry or Scivera.com/GreenerChemistry.



The Hohenstein and Scivera Greener Chemistry collaboration uses two powerful systems for best in class verification of preferred chemicals with a pathway to move beyond MRSL compliance toward true zero discharge of hazardous chemicals.
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About Scivera

Founded in 2008, Scivera is recognized as an innovator and leader in making the identification and replacement of hazardous chemicals in products simple, fast and cost-effective. The company has built the most comprehensive resource for Chemical Hazard Assessments (CHA) verified by its board-certified toxicologists, with over 2,000 verified CHAs and tens of thousands of additional CHAs available to subscribers. This information is made available to users worldwide through the innovative cloud-based app, SciveraLENS® Rapid Screen, bringing scalable, data-driven, chemicals management and safer alternatives exploration to all participants in the global consumer products supply chain. Scivera.com

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