

# Press release

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## TENCEL® - medically tested

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**The Lenzing Lyocellfiber TENCEL® is the first fiber which is medically tested according to the criteria of the FKT test method and tested for toxic substances.**

The Lyocellfiber TENCEL® stands for skin-sensory properties in many products. Particularly in the field of home textiles, these properties are essential in bed linen when it comes to the decision to buy on behalf of the end consumer. Textiles which come into contact with the skin, should satisfy the highest standards. Lenzing has taken the first important step with this test by the Fördergemeinschaft Körperverträgliche Textilien e.V. Thus TENCEL® is the first fiber which may use the FKT label „MEDICALLY TESTED – TESTED FOR TOXINS“. „Sleep is on a par with health“, Dr. Susanne Jary, Director Home & Interiors at Lenzing, explains. „A medically faultless starting material such as the TENCEL® fiber promotes good health. Above all bed linen which is mostly in direct contact with the skin, can make a major contribution towards general well-being“, Jary continues. „For us it is extremely important for this reason that our fiber satisfies the criteria of the FKT label and is thus a pre-requisite for health-friendly home textiles“, Jary comments.

**Cooperation with Fördergemeinschaft Körperverträgliche Textilien to promote body compatible textiles.**

„Cooperation with Lenzing is a further step to establish the FKT label in the textile industry“, Prof. Dr. Michael Doser, Board Member of the Fördergemeinschaft Körperverträgliche Textilien, explains. „The FKT label is a reliable quality characteristic for strictly scientific and independently tested textiles“, Doser comments. FKT awards the label “MEDICALLY TESTED - TESTED FOR TOXINS” which is a reliable quality label for textiles that don’t release any chemicals that may irritate the skin or damage a person’s health.

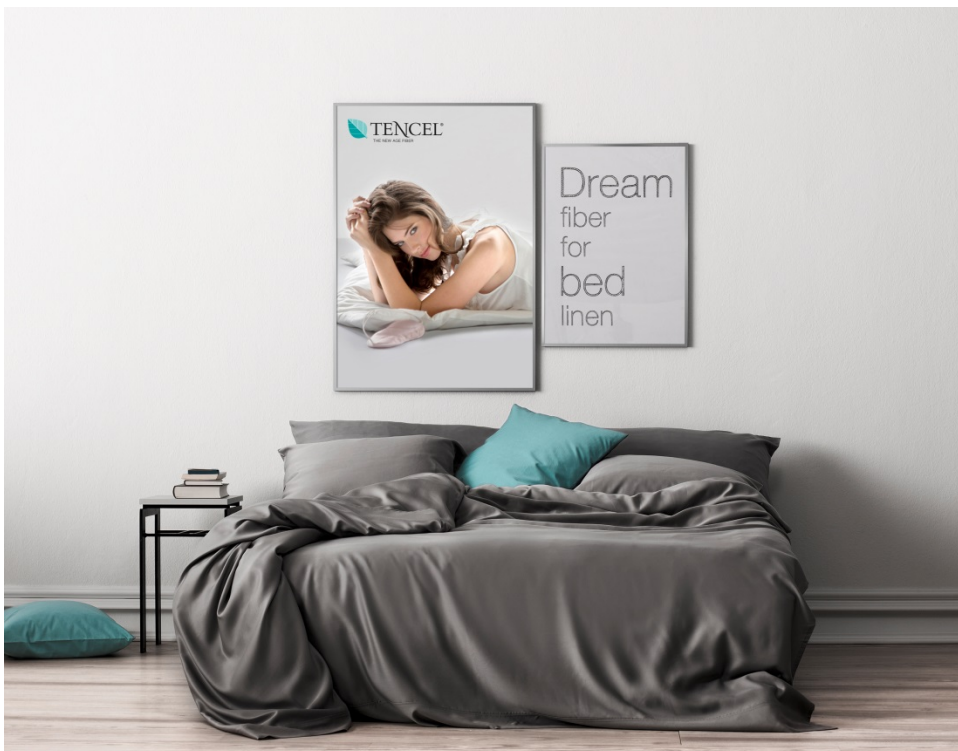
This unique to the market combination of tests for harmful substances and for sensitive effect-based body compatibility provides double tested safety. The manufacturers of high-quality textiles use this scientific certification to verify their quality standards and build up a high degree of trust with their end customers.

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The basis of these high-quality testing standards we can promise are strictest skin compatibility test that are in line with the approval criteria for medical devices. This generates trust and transparency in and for the end consumer and offers considerable help when it comes to the decision to buy the textile.

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TENCEL® - dream fiber for bed linen



FKT label „MEDICALLY TESTED – TESTED FOR TOXINS“

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**About The Lenzing Group**

The Lenzing Group is a world market leader with headquarters in Austria, production sites in all major markets as well as a worldwide network of sales and marketing offices. Lenzing supplies the global textile and nonwovens industry with high-quality industrially manufactured ("man-made") cellulose fibers. The portfolio ranges from dissolving pulp, standard and specialty cellulose fibers to engineering services.

Lenzing quality and innovative strength set global standards for man-made cellulose fibers. With 75 years of experience in fiber production, the Lenzing Group is the only company worldwide combining the manufacturing of all three man-made cellulose fibre generations on a large industrial scale under one roof – from the classic viscose to modal and lyocell (TENCEL®) fibers. The success of the Lenzing Group results from a unique combination of consistent customer orientation together with its leadership in innovation, technology and quality.

Lenzing is committed to the principle of sustainable management and very high environmental standards. Lenzing's core business fibers are complemented by our activities in the business field of engineering and plant construction.

**Key Figures Lenzing Group 2013:**

Sales: EUR 1.91 bn

Export share: 90.8%

Fibre sales volumes: 890,000 tons

Staff: 6,675

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