

## Schweighofer Fiber starts production of high purity viscose pulp

### *Press release*

*Hallein, Wien – 6th February 2013.* The conversion of the production facilities of Schweighofer Fiber in Hallein (county of Salzburg) completed successfully. Since end of January 2013, only high purity viscose pulp is produced in Hallein. It is used for example in the production of textile fiber. Viscose pulp is in their chemical properties similar to cotton. However, it has viscous clear advantages over cotton.

The new market focus for products of Schweighofer is Asia. 100% of the total production (140.000 tons per year) will be exported, 80% of it to China, the rest will be exported to Taiwan, India, Indonesia and Japan.

The project “Rebuilding the Hallein site” was launched in September 2011 with the acquisition by the Schweighofer group. The capital expenditure amounted to 56 MEUR. Most of the investment was spent in wastewater treatment with combined biogas generation. Besides quality assurance and internal logistics were improved, in order to ensure product quality and economic efficiency of the facility.

### Questions

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