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## **Rieter publishes its Sustainability Report for 2013**

***Winterthur* – With its report for 2013 Rieter is publishing the results of its sustainability endeavors for the third successive year. The core themes of this issue are the global promotion of future generations of personnel and energy efficiency. The company's long-standing goal is to secure the provision of future generations of personnel for Rieter and the machine manufacturing industry. Rieter also succeeded in further optimizing the energy efficiency of its products compared to the previous year.**

Rieter's 2012/2013 investment program also included the expansion and modernization of its manufacturing capacity in China and India, which increased the group's energy consumption in absolute terms by 2 000 MWh to 133 000 MWh. At the same time Rieter was able to reduce total energy consumption relative to corporate output (sales) by 15% thanks to its energy-saving program. Rieter also attaches great importance to reducing energy consumption in its product developments and innovations. Continuous progress is evident, for example, in the current R 60 rotor spinning machine, which consumes 5% less energy than the predecessor model.

The company invests heavily in vocational training in order to continue to meet customers' expectations of Rieter quality in future. The roots of Rieter's rich apprenticeship training tradition reach back as far as 1906. To date 4 000 apprentices have been trained at the Rieter Machine Works in Winterthur alone. The ongoing idea behind this company-oriented training is that of succession and career planning for Rieter and the machine manufacturing industry. For the past five years Rieter has also been engaged in training future generations of personnel in India and China in addition to its vocational training programs in Europe. Well-trained employees are a key success factor for the company.

The full report in English and German can be downloaded from the Rieter website at: <http://www.rieter.com/>

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## **About Rieter**

Rieter is a leading supplier on the world market for textile machinery and components used in short staple fiber spinning. Based in Winterthur (Switzerland), the company develops and manufactures systems, machinery and technology components used to convert natural and manmade fibers and their blends into yarns. Rieter is the only supplier worldwide to cover spinning preparation processes as well as all four final spinning processes currently established on the market. With 18 manufacturing locations in ten countries, the company employs a global workforce of some 4 800, about 24 % of whom are based in Switzerland. Rieter is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange under ticker symbol RIEN.

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