

## Media Release

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### **Strategic Partnership Between Rieter and WW Systems**

- **License agreement concluded for promising technology**
- **Integration into the digital spinning suite ESSENTIAL**
- **Implementation of digital strategy further advanced**

The Rieter Group concludes a license agreement with WW Systems on November 5, 2020 and will integrate the Brazilian company's promising product into its digital spinning suite ESSENTIAL. "OptCotton" from WW Systems offers the only software system worldwide that enables an even blend of cotton for the spinning process. With this cooperation, Rieter is taking an important step forward in implementing its digital strategy and offering its customers further added value in yarn production.

Unlike any other system on the market today, "OptCotton" eliminates variations in quality between cotton blends that are being prepared for the spinning process. In this way, standardized quality yarn can be produced efficiently in the spinning process. From the arrival of the bales in the warehouse to their use in the blowroom line, "OptCotton" manages the entire blending process with no need for categorization. This results in increased efficiency in storage and logistics as well as machine performance.

#### **Integration into the digital spinning suite ESSENTIAL**

By integrating this solution, Rieter strengthens its digital spinning suite ESSENTIAL. Access to bale-related fiber data and raw material information opens up new possibilities for controlling the spinning mill. In combination with the existing modules ESSENTIALbasic, ESSENTIALmonitor, ESSENTIALmaintain and ESSENTIALpredict, this optimizes the entire spinning process and raises digital intelligence to a new level.

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**About Rieter**

Rieter is the world's leading supplier of systems for short-staple fiber spinning. Based in Winterthur (Switzerland), the company develops and manufactures machinery, systems and components used to convert natural and manmade fibers and their blends into yarns. Rieter is the only supplier worldwide to cover both spinning preparation processes and all four end spinning processes currently established on the market. Furthermore, Rieter is a leader in the field of precision winding machines. With 16 manufacturing locations in ten countries, the company employs a global workforce of some 4 520, about 21% of whom are based in Switzerland. Rieter is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange under ticker symbol RIEN. [www.rieter.com](http://www.rieter.com)

**About WW Systems**

WW Systems is a leading provider in the field of software development for the cotton industry. The focus is on controlling the quality of cotton blends in conjunction with warehouse management. The Brazilian start-up was established in 2016 and serves around 15% of all companies active in the cotton industry in Brazil. [www.optcotton.com](http://www.optcotton.com)

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