

Clariant introduces performance and productivity advantages to the leather sector at IILF 2012

MuttENZ/Mumbai, January 12, 2012 - Clariant invites visitors to IILF, the Indian International Leather Fair, to “Sense the Difference” in performance and productivity possibilities created by its revolutionary new products and systems for the leather and footwear sectors. During the last six months, Clariant has launched an unprecedented number of innovations, which it will showcase alongside eye-catching leathers and other exciting advances at Booth 3-17-B, hall 2/3 from February 1-3, 2012 at the Chennai Trade Centre.

Taking center stage at the event will be EasyWhite Tan, Clariant’s new industry standard-setting innovation. This technology has been developed using Clariant’s Granofin® Easy F-90 Liquid, an organic compound that is not based on chrome, phenols or aldehydes. It provides a more environmentally friendly, safer and simplified tanning process that will have major benefits for tanners supplying almost every sector, from automotive leather to footwear. It removes the need to add salt during the tanning process as well as reducing the number of stages in the tanning process itself.

A highlight from Clariant’s wet end range is the new waterproofing agent Dermaphob® WA-71, specially developed for high-performance water repellent shoe uppers. The product is highly effective, even with very low application levels.

In Finishing, the main focus is on more environmentally-friendly products and systems, eliminating and/or strongly reducing solvents, combined with the finest aesthetics and high performance. Clariant’s new Aqualen® topcoat systems, including Melio® 09-W-66 and Aqualen® Top GC-2033 are designed to generate a wet, pleasant feel combined with excellent wet rub-resistance.

The specialty chemical expert’s approach to improved environmental performance is further strengthened with Aqualen® Top IL, which provides an easy and effective intermediate lacquer for base coated leathers without the use of solvents. The new high gloss aqueous patent topcoat Melio® 09-T-42 is recognized as a breakthrough in water-based finishing systems replacing solvent-based topcoats.

There also have been major developments in Clariant's Oils & Waxes Range; with Clariant's diversified range of special oil & wax products like Melio[®] Wax PO-418, Melio[®] Oil PO-210, Melio[®] Oil PO-212, it is possible to achieve special effects with specific surface textures.

Clariant will also be presenting its new Global Color Card – developed in close cooperation with MODEUROP, the Fashion Pool at DSI (Das Schuhinstitut GmbH) – as well as its leather trend booklet Fashion Up!, in preparation for Spring / Summer 2013.

Clariant's innovations can be seen on booth 3-17-B, hall 2/3.

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