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RadiciGroup technical yarns, fibres and nonwovens showcased at Techtextil 2017

A wider polyamide and polyester product portfolio, also made possible by recent investments in new production lines. The Group's strengths and newest developments are highlighted in the latest issue of VOICES corporate magazine.

Countless products for technical and industrial applications delivered by a **sole source provider**, a Group capable of meeting diverse market demands and requirements. The yarns and nonwovens produced by **RadiciGroup Synthetic Fibres and Nonwovens Business Area** ensure the reliability, performance, technical content and sustainability of the final products realized by its customers.

At Techtextil 2017, RadiciGroup presents its top products and latest solutions for technical applications in a variety of industries, such as automotive, apparel, furnishings, construction, sport, and outdoor (**Hall 4.1, Stand C68**).

"Today RadiciGroup is the only European industrial group that has the capability to control the production process in its entirety, from chemicals to synthetic fibres and engineering plastics, including end-of-life recycling," stressed Maurizio Radici, vice president of RadiciGroup. "Synergistic vertical integration, especially in our polyamide production process (with a 200,000-ton-per-year production capacity) is one of the Group's main strong points, and we proudly claim it is an added value for our customers."

Polyamide yarn and staple yarn, **polyester** continuous filament and **polypropylene nonwovens** are the leading players at the Techtextil RadiciGroup stand. Particular prominence is given to the sustainable versions of these products and to improved technical characteristics, which have been made possible by



production plants recently put into, or soon to be, in operation to widen the product range. At its Selbitz site in Germany, RadiciGroup has invested EUR 3 million to develop and produce both household and industrial products for the abrasive sector, as well as felts for the industrial sector (**dorix® teck**). In Italy, a **bico technology** production line for the manufacture of spunbond is due to become operational by the end of 2017 and will increase total production capacity by 50%.

The automotive sector is one of the main target markets for RadiciGroup technical textiles. As explained more in detail in the last issue of [Voices corporate magazine](#), the Group product ranges include **Raditeck® Double Six** (high-tenacity PA 66 yarn, mostly used for car airbags and tyre reinforcement), and **Radifloor® Automotive** (solution-dyed PA 66 yarn for car carpeting and polyester yarn for automotive interior applications). This broad yarn offering is complemented by numerous types of engineering plastics from the RadiciGroup Performance Plastics Business Area, ideal for the manufacture of structural plastic cabin components with high mechanical performance specifications.



RadiciGroup's strengths also include being the **number two European polyester producer**, recognized for the quality, innovation and sustainability of its yarns: over 24,000 tons of product and about EUR 70 million in sales revenue. Additionally, the Group has focused more and more on the production of yarn obtained from post-consumer recycled polymers (PET bottles), for which RadiciGroup can provide UNI 11505 certification attesting to the full traceability of the recycled material (**r-Radyarn®** and **r-Starlight®**). Within this context, RadiciGroup has numerous on-going projects in collaboration with renowned names in the outdoor and sport apparel industries with the aim of achieving concrete sustainability for the entire value chain.



The latest issue of [VOICES corporate magazine](#), dedicated to **RadiciGroup products for technical applications**, features in-depth articles about the ideas, initiatives and solutions the Group has developed – either alone or in partnership with other value chain companies – to maintain its leading position in the global market. [Voices in digital format](#)

RADICIGROUP – With approximately 3,000 employees, sales revenue of EUR 946 million in 2016 and a network of production and sales sites located throughout Europe, North America, South America and Asia, RadiciGroup is one of the world's leading producers of a wide range of chemical intermediates, polyamide polymers, engineering plastics, synthetic fibres and nonwovens. These products are the result of the Group's outstanding chemical expertise and vertical integration in the polyamide production chain, developed to be used in a variety of industrial sectors, such as: AUTOMOTIVE – ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS – CONSUMER GOODS – APPAREL – FURNISHINGS – CONSTRUCTION – HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES – SPORTS. The basis of the Group's strategy is a strong focus on innovation, quality, customer satisfaction and social and environmental sustainability. With its business areas - **Specialty Chemicals, Performance Plastics and Synthetic Fibres & Nonwovens** (Performance Yarn, Comfort Fibres and Extrusion Yarn), RadiciGroup is part of a larger industrial group that also includes textile machinery (ITEMA), energy (GEOGREEN) and hotel (SAN MARCO) businesses.
