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**Bamboo fibre catching up with times**

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The first monopoly shop of Talk Bamboo Bank, China's largest bamboo fibre textile brand, opened recently in the Guangzhou market. The brand presents a complete range of bamboo products like home textiles, clothing and medical care. Their products have passed the state quality and inspection tests. Talk Bamboo Bank, located in Anji county in northwestern Zhejiang Province, has developed the 'bamboo substituting cotton' technology by integrating operation, research and development. Talk Bamboo Bank gets its fibre from Anji, so famous for producing bamboo that it is sometimes called the 'Town of Bamboo'.

After special high-tech processing, bamboo fibre turns into regenerated cellulose fibre and becomes as soft as cotton which can then be processed into fashionable towels and other clothing. Some experts believe that bamboo products will certainly be marked as an important category in China's ecological textiles. Bamboo fibre has become the fifth available natural fibre after cotton, linen, wool and silk.

Source: Fibre2fashion

**Mixed fabric emerges as latest fashion trend**

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Mixed fabric has emerged as the most fashionable fabric of 2008-09. Of these, there are many variety and combinations that have become very popular because of their unique characteristics. Mixed fabrics come in a permutation of cotton, wool, hemp, silk and chemical fibres. A particular kind of mixed fabric that contains 30 percent silk, 50 percent cotton and 20 percent wool has become very popular. This is because after the fluffing process, this fabric acquires a smooth texture like that of silk, is elastic, eco-friendly and comfortable. However, experts from the Chinese Textile Development Center feel that the technology used to produce this kind of fabric is difficult and time consuming.

Source: China Textile Network Company

Other latest fashionable mixed fabrics include one which has 65 percent flax and 35 percent silk; another that contains 45 percent wool, 45 percent cotton and 10 percent hemp. The latter variety is suitable for making leisure clothing. Functional fibre is also added to mixed fabrics to make it airy and anti-static. In addition to this, a mixture of chemical and natural fibres is also used because the latter can make chemical fibre eco-friendly and increase its grade and longevity.

Source: fibre2fashion

### SIGL - Direct Import Goods Report

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Supplier Country	Category	Year	Quota Lvl	Working Lvl	MS Licensed	MS Pending	MS%QL Used	MS%WL Used	SC Licensed	SC%WL Used
China (720)	<a href="#">2</a>	07	70.636.000	70.636.000	33.309.024	0	47.16	47.16	39.486.746	55.90
China (720)	<a href="#">4</a>	07	595.624.000	595.624.000	336.209.885	0	56.45	56.45	386.233.651	64.85
China (720)	<a href="#">4C</a>	07	49.635.333	49.635.333	31.142.047	0	62.74	62.74	37.293.629	75.14
China (720)	<a href="#">5</a>	07	220.054.000	220.054.000	153.958.142	0	69.96	69.96	180.828.130	82.17
China (720)	<a href="#">6</a>	07	388.528.000	388.528.000	261.247.657	0	67.24	67.24	291.733.784	75.09
China (720)	<a href="#">7</a>	07	90.829.000	90.829.000	65.266.850	0	71.86	71.86	72.197.914	79.49
China (720)	<a href="#">20</a>	07	18.518.000	18.518.000	9.516.343	0	51.39	51.39	12.104.483	65.37
China (720)	<a href="#">26</a>	07	29.736.000	29.736.000	23.125.693	0	77.77	77.77	25.660.832	86.30
China (720)	<a href="#">31</a>	07	250.209.000	250.209.000	154.041.034	0	61.56	61.56	179.812.797	71.87
China (720)	<a href="#">39</a>	07	14.862.000	14.862.000	5.433.112	0	36.56	36.56	7.836.232	52.73
China (720)	<a href="#">Silk/Rami</a> <a href="#">115</a>	07	5.347.000	5.347.000	3.657.559	0	68.40	68.40	4.111.867	76.90

Source: CNTEX

## Taiwan to Explore Investment Opportunities in India

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Taiwanese investments in India have the potential to touch US\$ 4 billion by 2010, according to Mr Gopal Srinivasan, who is leading a CII Business Delegation to Taiwan. Mr Srinivasan, Director TVSE said that Taiwanese entrepreneurs recognize India as a powerful economic opportunity.

While the larger Taiwanese companies are beginning to make their presence in India, it is the SMEs in Taiwan that needed handholding. Should these SMEs be facilitated, Taiwanese investments in India could grow ten folds from the current USD 400 Million. To take the business transactions and investments into India from Taiwan to the next level, the CII has identified four areas/issues that need to be addressed/resolved.

These are:

- Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty
- Mutual recognition of Technical degrees
- Better air connectivity with leading metros in India
- Hassle-free issuance of Work permits/employment VISAs for Indian professional to Taiwan

Mr Gopal Srinivasan is leading a hi-powered nine-member industry delegation for three days to Taipei, Taiwan from September 03 until September 05, 2007. The delegation called on several influential trade promotion agencies and leading business houses such as Bureau of International Cultural and Education Relations, Bureau of Civil Aviation, TICC, TAITRA, Delta Electronics, TSMC, UMC and Asustek Computer.

The companies evinced keen interest in business opportunities and propositions that were highlighted during the presentations made in areas such as IT hardware, Semiconductors, Textiles, Machinery, leather and footwear etc. The delegation also addressed a high profile conference on "Advantages and prospects of Economic, Trade and Industrial Collaboration Opportunities between India and Taiwan". The Conference was inaugurated by Mr You, Shyi Kun, Chairman, Taiwan India Co-operation council (TICC) & former Premier of Taiwan, who recognized the unlimited potential that India had to offer in the area of knowledge economy.

India offered a vast pool of competitive technical skilled manpower from which the Taiwanese enterprises could benefit. Speaking on the occasion, Mr FaDah, Hsieh, Vice Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan remarked that a Taiwanese Business Facilitation Desk in Taiwan was offering consulting and business intelligence to companies interested in doing business with India. A similar initiative in India needed to be replicated. Over 200 senior industry leaders and Government officials attended the daylong conference. Several Indian provinces (states) also showcased their economic prowess in the event.

In an exclusive luncheon with Madam Ho Mei-Yueh, Chairperson CEPD & Secretary General, TICC and several other policy makers and influential opinion mobilizers of Taiwan the point was well brought out that a complete eco-system based approach needed to be adopted to ensure that trade between India and Taiwan flourished unhindered.

*Source: Confederation of Indian Industry*

## **China to Reconsider Anti-Dumping Duty on Russian Chemical Supplier**

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The Ministry of Commerce announces yesterday that China is reconsidering the necessity to impose anti-dumping duty on Kemerovo Joint Stock Company (KJSC), which is a major chemical plant to produce caprolactam in Siberia, Russia.

Anti-dumping duties were imposed on caprolactam originating from Japan, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Russia with a tax rate from 5 to 28 % from June 2003 as investigations showed dumping of caprolactam has greatly damaged the country's domestic industry. The involved companies had to pay anti-dumping duties for five year. KJSC applied to 9% tax.

According to Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Anti-dumping, companies imposed on anti-dumping duties can apply for a mid-term re-examination. KJSC put forward its application for a mid-term review of dumping and dumping margin on anti-dumping measures in July, 2007. The Ministry of Commerce accepted and decided to carry out investigation.

Caprolactam is mainly used to produce nylon. The normal price, export price and dumping margin of caprolactam from Jul 1, 2006 to Jun 30, 2007 will be investigated.

Source: *Chemical Knowledge*

## **NEW POWER IN AFRICA; China's Trade With Africa Carries a Price Tag**

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China has pledged over \$20 billion to finance trade and infrastructure across Africa, but it is also exporting huge volumes of manufactured goods to those same countries, hampering Africa's ability to make its own products and develop healthy, diverse economies; Chinese imports give Africans access to goods and amenities of developed countries, but some African factories have suffered; as cheap Chinese goods flood market, jobs are eliminated in African countries with fledgling manufacturing sectors; some welcome Chinese approach of 'cowboy capitalism' and say China treats Africa as equal; some anti-Chinese sentiment is brewing among Africans who cite job loss and lax safety standards as results of China's investment in Africa.

Source: *nytimes*

## **X-Rite, Pantone Enter Acquisition Agreement**

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X-Rite Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Pantone Inc., Carlstadt, N.J., have entered into an agreement whereby X-Rite will acquire Pantone for \$180 million. Pantone will become a business unit within X-Rite, and current Pantone executives will continue to have key roles in the new unit.

X-Rite "a developer and provider of color measurement and management software and services for industries including textiles, printing, packaging and plastics, among others" hopes to extend its product range with the addition of Pantone's color standards, while expanding the reach of those solutions using X-Rite's international presence and distribution abilities.

Source: China Textile Network Company

Pantone products include the Fashion + Home Color System, a catalog of 1,925 colors for fashion and home textile applications; and huey™ technology, which calibrates and profiles all types of computer monitors for more accurate color viewing. X-Rite provides the technology for the huey system, which is branded and sold exclusively by Pantone.

The deal is expected to close in the coming months, and will be funded with cash financed through a number of institutions. A debt package of up to \$415 million will be used to fund the transaction and finance X-Rite's existing debt.

"Pantone and X-Rite have enjoyed a strategic partnership in providing color management solutions for the digital imaging market for the last two years," said Larry Herbert, CEO, Pantone. "Our company is wholly committed to color communication and inspiration and we are enthusiastic about combining our growing business with X-Rite to apply even greater resources to this work."

*Source: Textileworld*