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DyStar, world leading textile solutions provider, implements ConturELN

Contur Software is pleased to announce that DyStar Textilfarben GmbH, a world leading supplier of textile dyes, auxiliaries and services, has selected ConturELN for their laboratory notebook initiative.

Formed in 1995 as a specialist in textile coloration, DyStar has transformed itself into a full solutions provider offering a full range of auxiliaries and colorants. Operating in an innovative industry such as the fashion industry, where new materials, new colours and new effects are the catalysts that spark new fashion trends, DyStar invest heavily in R&D focusing on the synthesis of new colorants and textile auxiliaries as well as dye intermediates. Ecology is also a central focus of DyStar's R&D ambitions, striving to develop ecologically improved products and solutions for the textile industry.

DyStar's research and development is characterized by ongoing cost pressure, an increasing regulatory environment, and accelerating internationalization of the business. At the same time there are high market expectations to deliver the R&D pipeline faster to the market. Consequently DyStar decided for strategic investments to improve efficiency and to implement an electronic laboratory notebook system (ELN) to optimize the R&D process. The ConturELN system was chosen after a thorough evaluation and a pilot project.

Dr. Christian Schumacher, Global Innovation & Technology Manager Textile Solutions at DyStar, says: "We chose ConturELN from Contur because they had the best offer in terms of functionality, user-friendliness and cost. The key benefits with ConturELN are the user-friendliness and the integration of chemistry intelligence, and the feedback from our users has been very positive, both from skilled IT users as well as from users with less profound IT skills."

Mr. Thomas Rozlucki, Vice President Products at Contur Software, says: "DyStar's choice of ConturELN again shows the applicability of ConturELN to a wide variety of industries and scientific disciplines due to its flexibility and ease of use. Contur's chemistry tools have also been designed with broad application across different types of chemistry and we are pleased that they meet the requirements of DyStar's chemists."

Initially, ConturELN will be implemented at DyStar's current R&D centers in Manchester (UK), Frankfurt am Main and Leverkusen (Germany), and at a later stage in R&D centers in Asia as well. ConturELN will complement DyStar's modern service labs and function as the main research documentation tool for R&D scientists and lab technicians in research and product development. According to Dr. Schumacher, the main target improvement areas for implementing ConturELN are better knowledge management, faster documentation and efficient sharing of information between the different sites.

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About DyStar Textilfarben GmbH

DyStar is a world-leading supplier of textile dyes, auxiliaries and services for the textile and leather industries. Textile mills (dyer and finisher) worldwide, manufacturing textiles for well-known brands such as Lacoste, Nike, adidas, Puma and WalMart, rely on DyStar's innovative products and technologies. Headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, DyStar employs approx. 4,000 worldwide.
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