

tomers. Environmentally friendly production technology in line with existing environmental and quality guidelines is another part of the company's philosophy.

Following the company guideline "A healthy life in a well-balanced environment", nearly all items from the product range zips, hook-and-loop closures and cord stoppers comply with the strict human ecology requirements of OEKO-TEX Standard 100 in product class I for babies and toddlers. That quality has the highest priority at YKK is also confirmed by the fact that the company's quality assurance is one of the strictest in the industry.

YKK is also very conscious of always carrying out its business activities in balance with the environment. That is why it supports all stages of an environmental protection policy – from development to production, for disposal as well as for recycling.

YKK Deutschland GmbH is in-

deed certified in line with the environment management system DIN EN ISO 14001 and the European main production sites as well as some of the main global production sites are certified in line with the quality management standard DIN EN ISO 9000.

An environmental protection charter was already established within the YKK Group of Companies in 1994, formulating guidelines and company targets for business activities in balance with the environment. Annual environmental protection reports are created for all business units to document successes and developments of the individual measures for environmental protection.

The environmental charter from 1994, for example, states the reduction of CO2 emissions by 19 per cent by 2010 as a mid-term target. The actual result of now 30 per cent reduction of CO2 emissions through efficient energy manage-



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ment can certainly be seen as a great success with regard to sustainability.



YKK establishes strong business in India

YKK India Private Ltd. was incorporated in September 1995 after the parent company, YKK Corporation of Japan, received permission from the Government of India to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary for the manufacture of metallic and non-metallic zippers.

The factory, located in Rewari district of Haryana, started production in March 1997 of a range of popular zippers such as No.3 & 5 polyester coil, No.3 & 5 Vislon and No.3 & 5 metal zippers. Subsequently the range was expanded with the addition of No.2 & 3 invisible coil zippers.

Metal zippers are produced in aluminium, golden brass, antique brass and antique silver finishes. Production of No.7 metal zippers has also started.

YKK India follows the same product and quality specifications as YKK Japan. Its products are anti-nickel (nickel free) and Kensin (needle detector compatible) by default, except when nickel-plated slider itself is specified by the buyer. With the completion of the third phase expansion in 2005, the production capacities of most of the items in the range have been doubled. The fourth phase expansion was successfully commissioned in March 2009.

YKK India caters to the large and spread out Indian market of garment, footwear and luggage exporters, as well as manufacturers of domestic brands and tailors through its network of five branches and about 40 dealers in 24 cities across India.

