**PRESS INFORMATION**

**Freudenberg receives “Material Health” certification for comfortemp® product series**

**Weinheim, Germany, 24 May 2023. The thermal insulation in the product series comfortemp® soft HO 80x from Freudenberg Performance Materials Apparel (Freudenberg) has achieved Gold status in the Material Health category of the Cradle to Cradle Certified® Product Standard Version 3.1. This distinction with the “Gold C2C Certified Material Health CertificateTM” confirms the safety of the materials and their role in protecting human health and the environment.**

**HO 80x product series enables full circular design in apparels**

After already achieving Silver status for the same product series in 2020, the recent re-certification is a further testimony to Freudenberg's ongoing commitment to developing sustainable, innovative and industry-leading solutions. The very soft thermal insulation of the HO 80x soft series (HO 803, HO 804, HO 805, HO 806) is made from polyamide 6 wadding and is multiple recyclable in terms of a sustainable circular economy. The wadding is also characterized by high wearing comfort, making it suitable for sustainable applications in the luxury, sportswear and outdoor sectors. Thanks to its construction as roll goods, the wadding does not clump and can endure multiple wash cycles at 40°C.

Certifications by the Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute are based on testing for hazardous materials in products and processes. Plus, the impact of chemical substances is assessed on the three product life cycle phases: final manufacture, use and end of use. Freudenberg will continue optimizing its products to ensure material safety and quality for future use and cycling.

**The Cradle to Cradle Certified® Product Standard**

Cradle to Cradle Certified® is a registered trademark of the [Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute](https://c2ccertified.org/the-institute), a global non-profit dedicated to transforming the safety, health and sustainability of products. Its Cradle to Cradle Certified® Product Standard provides the framework to assess a product’s sustainability performance across the categories Material Health, Product Circularity, Clean Air & Climate Protection, Water & Soil Stewardship and Social Fairness.

Freudenberg’s Gold C2C Certified Material Health CertificateTM for the comfortemp**®** soft HO 80x series can be viewed [here.](https://c2ccertified.org/certified-products-and-materials/ho-80x-series)

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