



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **- Kufner's XShield® products protect against data theft from RFID cards**

Kufner's blend of textile expertise and engineering competence leads to ever more exciting new products and applications. Another highlight at Techtexsil, showcased at Kufner's booth, will be the product line XShield® is a Kufner solution to protect from electro-magnetic radiation and unauthorized access to RFID data and may be applied to various market segments: from fashion and leisure wear, home textiles, automotive, military, sports, medical to construction and electronics industries.

On the occasion of Techtexsil Kufner will showcase an oversized wallet from brand partner Esquire. CARD SAFE together with the XShield® RFID-Protect system by Kufner offers probably "the most secure wallet in the world" (<http://esquire-lederwaren.de>). The lateral slots of the wallet secure the credit cards against falling out. Moreover, XShield® protects the data of RFID chips on cards against unauthorized access. Compared to competitive products XShield® features a grammage of 30 % less providing at the same time up to 99,9 % shielding efficiency against electromagnetic radiation.

RFID data is protected against unauthorized access. **Philipp Rupp, CEO Esquire Lederwaren – Rupp & Ricker GmbH:** "We are delighted to have a technology professional at our side for the last three years in Kufner Holding GmbH. Just as Kufner, we are a company with a long tradition. As we wanted to offer leather goods with functional features, we invited Kufner to cooperate with us as a sparring partner. We can completely rely on Kufner for all technological questions. Kufner's XShield® technology convinced us, since the material is soundless, its haptics are pleasing and the fabric has excellent processing characteristics."

#### **About Kufner Holding GmbH:**

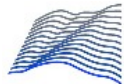
Kufner is a fully integrated company with a 150year old tradition located in Munich, Germany. Its 520 staff in four production sites on two continents produce about 150 million meters each year. The vertical integration includes production stages weaving, knitting, finishing and coating as well as production of thermobonded nonwovens and warp production. Kufner is one of the leading companies for interlinings in the apparel industry. As a global provider of technical solutions, Kufner has over 20 distribution companies and a worldwide service network in over 60 countries that guarantees short delivery times.

The state of the art production facilities with computer controlled process monitoring are certified under ISO 14001 environmental management and 9001.

Sustainability is an essential factor of the Kufner Group's environmental philosophy. Long-term strategies of this future-orientated group always focus on creating harmony between social aspects and environmental considerations. Kufner regularly calculates a carbon footprint of the entire group to document its sustainable environmental responsibility. In addition to this, Kufner has officially committed to the 10 universal principles of UNGC (United Nations Global Compact) – being a member of the UNGC initiative. All Kufner production sites and branches around the world have implemented the highest ecological and social standards long before – a fundamental concept lived at Kufner. Kufner has successfully passed the demanding onsite STeP audit in its location in Weißkirchen, Austria. Being now one in only 120 companies worldwide having successfully passed this audition.

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