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for yarn and fiber quality you can depend on**

**Companies along the entire textile value chain can reduce their quality costs sustainably by working with USTER® Quality Experts to guarantee more consistent quality in the yarns and fibers they purchase**

As most of the world's textile production capacity has shifted to Asia, inefficiencies along the textile supply chain seem to have grown in proportion to the distances involved. That makes it tougher than ever to ensure that material supplies are up to required quality standards at every stage of the production process. Uster Technologies has identified significant quality costs at almost every step of the textile value chain – in total equal to more than 10% of the final sale value. And these costs are especially damaging if they arise from problems at the start of the process, in yarn spinning. They can result in expensive end-products having to be scrapped or graded as seconds.

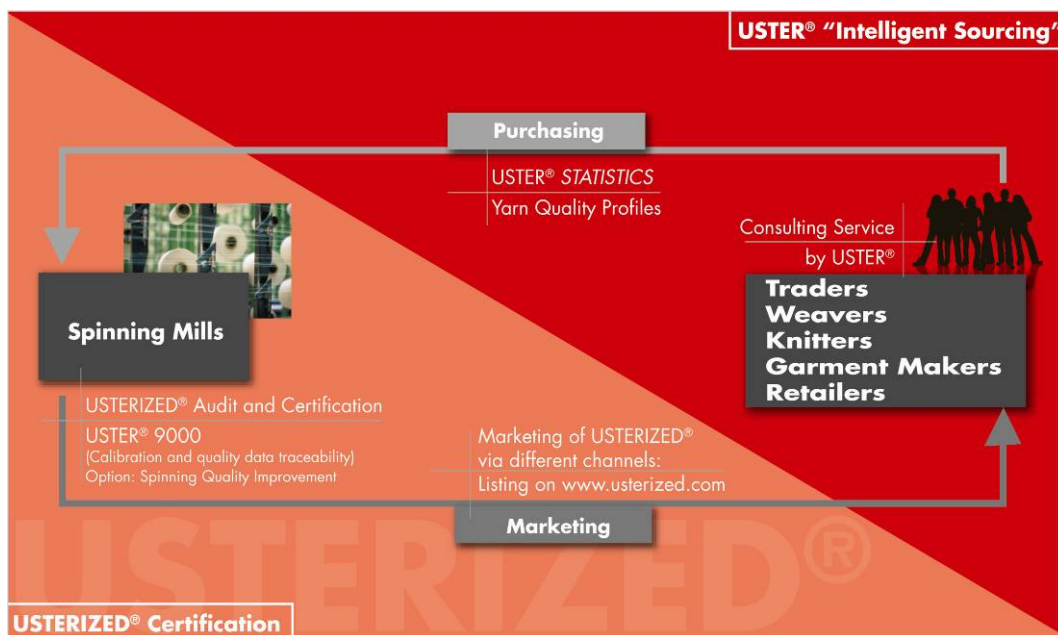
Today, more and more companies are acknowledging that they have to become closely involved in the quality assurance of their entire supply chain. They realize that it is vital to control quality, right back to the spinning process. The quality achieved there has a massive influence on the economics of the end-product.

Poor quality in yarns can be attributed to several causes, which can be classified in two main groups:

- Insufficient quality management systems in the spinning mills, which are simply unable to produce reliably at consistent quality levels
- Failure of the yarn buyers or users to specify the precise yarn and fiber quality parameters required for the subsequent production steps and the product end-use

For many years, USTER® has been assisting all kind of textile companies -- from yarn spinners to retailers -- to address issues caused by poor-quality yarns and fibers and thus reduce quality costs sustainably.

Now, with the introduction of the USTER® *INTELLIGENT SOURCING* service, all the Uster Technologies expertise is available as a tailored package to help yarn buyers understand how to optimize their quality management – and minimize costs – by making smart choices when sourcing these products.



USTER® *INTELLIGENT SOURCING* and USTERIZED® -  
two services to reduce quality costs in the textile value chain

Uster Technologies has been a global leader in the Quality Management sector of the textile chain for many decades. Key achievements include:

- The USTER® *STATISTICS* benchmarks, which permit a comparison of quality characteristics against world production data.
- The development and production of the USTER® range of testing and monitoring systems, allowing detailed analysis of textile raw material and yarns.
- The USTERIZED® certification program, through which Uster Technologies encourages spinning mills to produce yarns of consistent quality.

With the launch of USTER® *INTELLIGENT SOURCING*, buyers and users of yarns and yarn-based products can take advantage of these achievements by working closely with USTER® to improve their quality management capabilities in the supply chain and reduce their quality costs sustainably.

**Uster Technologies Ltd**

Uster Technologies Ltd is a leading supplier of quality management systems for the textile industry. The company provides testing and monitoring instruments, systems and services that allow optimization of quality through each individual stage of textile production; from the raw textile fiber to the final finished fabric. Uster Technologies Ltd provides benchmarks that are a basis for the trading of textile products at assured levels of quality across global markets.

The Group is headquartered in Uster, Switzerland and operates through a worldwide Market Organization complemented by Technology Centers. It has sales and service subsidiaries in the major textile markets and Technology Centers in Uster (Switzerland), in Knoxville (USA) and in Suzhou (China).

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