

Newsletter February 2020



We are happy to report from a roundtable with the cooperatives and its follow-up, which took place in Zurich on January 20, 2020. We appreciate the very valuable suggestions and we enjoy the firm support that touched us again.

As a result of the three rounds of talks the following ten sketches have been created as strategic sub-projects respectively actions that we continue to discuss in management and then take to the general assembly. The general assembly will take place on May 16, 2020.

The ten sub-project sketches include the following content:

Utilization of 5400 kg of fully cottonized linen fibers from previous tests with a substantial potential for added value: Due to the renewed discussion about short and long fibers at the meeting, Martin Klöti realized that a current stock of cottonized linen fibers that had been put aside from previous attempts may be very useful. We are now having these fibers transported from Belgium to Switzerland and will specifically try to spin them in mixtures, weave them into a large amount of cloths and finally use them to produce marketable articles. In this way, income, profit and equity can be generated for more.

Re-starting the Brechete in Buttikon (SZ, Linthebene): We still lack the expansion of power at the new location. We shall solve it with an emergency unit to significant investments for the time being. We are bringing our carding wrench back from its use in Austria last year and will try to use it to meet the required refinements in fiber processing.

Sale or one-time processing of our flax straw for traditional, long-fiber linen yarns: The discussion has fueled the question again about good flax fibres to be wasted when cottonised. So we are considering focusing on cottonizing hemp only. If we cannot sell our tonnages of flax, in a unique action beyond our actual strategy we shall process our flax to traditional linen articles.

Washing, bleaching, dyeing, canvas: acquiring a relative plant : We are dealing intensively with the acquisition of an existing fiber finishing plant to continue its profitable operations in Europe and to get the option to transfer some parts of the equipment and the know how into the Swiss region in order to enhance the value chain in Switzerland.

Building our own spinning mill: If we know the conditions for our own spinning mill from active cooperation with Rieter Spinning Systems Winterthur, soon we will consider the installation of an own plant in the Glarnerland. We have received helpful information about interesting financing options and the associated conditions for such a specific and large project.

Nonwoven production for mattresses and insulation materials for construction: we took part at a workshop on circular economy approaches in the mattress business. The target was to have a single material at hand to produce mattresses. We were just right with hemp fibers and nonwovens.

Tailoring, sewing, assembling ateliers : With the first re the 5400 kg cotton n linen fibers, the further work on creating standard products for household and professional use got again within reach.

Development of a strong, non-fibrous hemp yarn: Still a vision or just a dream, but once dreamed, the forces and opportunities to develop an innovative yarn from different hemp fractions may actually arise to combine the strength of hemp and the comfort of modern fibers.

Engineering and advice for the creation of further plants and circular economy models in other regions of the world: Our website shows now the general configuration of the crushing plant. Likewise the heart beats for what we believe are motivating hints for solidarity in new economies with hemp 360 degrees.

Financial and operational structuring of the cooperative: In order to be able to cope with the upcoming challenges , we are now considering and discussing - in principle and on a case-by-case basis - the strengthening of the cooperative structures with operating companies along the value chain and the activity areas of the cooperative.

We look forward to further discussions and to concrete work with you and thank you once again for your very valuable accompaniment and support.

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