

## Newsletter 16th October 2020



Dear Sir, dear Madam, dear friends

### Major fire destroys our pilot plant and our production hall in Glarus

Fortunately, no people were injured yesterday in a large fire in our production hall in Glarus. But the hall is burned out, the pilot plant is destroyed and the production that has just started is interrupted.



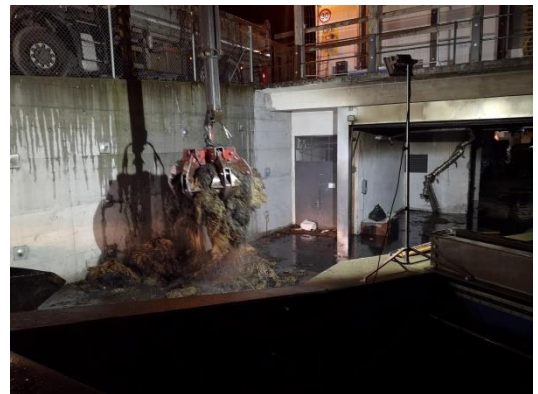
Grateful that no one was injured, saved by the selfless helpers and touched by the encouragement, solidarity and sympathy from close quarters, our will may remain unbroken. Our explicit thanks, our admiration and our respect go to the members of the Glarus and the Kärpf fire brigades and the security forces on site, who fearlessly overcame the inferno over twelve hours with a large contingent.



We are extremely grateful to the security and damage experts who are ready to pave the way for us. We are heartily grateful and connected to our neighbors and partners, who remain admirably in solidarity with us. The very best and greatest thanks for this organizing power, for this unforgettable selflessness and for the confidence associated! All this allows us to continue our path with determination!



The disaster happened after the production of a few cubic meters of beautiful and clean fibers comparable to wool in the last few days. Luckily that material was stored away safely. Everything we have experienced will allow us to regain our strength and to remain committed to our mission and shared vision. We will be able to start the new construction of the entire production facility in order to do what is the intension: to produce textiles, building materials, everyday products on site in fair industries from our own, renewable resources and thus in a sustainable way. In other words to create a future for business and life. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts - thank you for being so connected and loyal with us!



## **A further developed pilot plant produced sacks of clean fibers**

After the highly difficult first half of the year, we brought parts of the pilot plant and our machines back to Glarus from Austria and made them afloat for the general assembly so that they could produce fine fibers from the flax straw stored there. After the general assembly, we brought from our redundant site the step cleaner and merged the whole line into a compact unit into which we could put the straw directly without a conveyor belt. In this constellation, Alex, Bobby and I were able to create some big bags full of particularly beautiful, long linen fibers. In order to comb these, to card them and to spin them into a linen yarn, we are now in the process of organizing cards and spinning machines for leasing that would find space on the so far undamaged ground floor in Glarus.

## **Financial Bottleneck overcome**

We have been able to overcome the arduous financial bottleneck for the time being with renewed funds from the Klöti-Schälchlin family. These funds should be enough to bring the cooperative into the profit zone and then to finally be able to run it at least self-supporting with the sale of the first products and the provision of our procedural knowledge.

## **Minutes of the GA and Changes in the Board and in the Revision**

The minutes of the General Assembly were drawn up immediately. But I still haven't sent it with the intensive efforts around the effective start of production. The changes in the commercial register with regard to the board of directors and auditors have therefore not yet been completed. You will be soon. At the general assembly, our previous board member Mara Klöti was bid farewell and our new board member Daniel Appert from Landi Freiamt was newly elected. With the approved application for opting-out, we switch from an external audit to an internal control, which is, thanks to them, carried out by our experienced cooperative members Thomas Pandiani and Joel Schweiker.

On behalf of our management team, I thank you very much for your sympathy, your trust and your solidarity, and I send you our warmest regards.

Glarus, 16th October 2020  
Martin Kloeti, President