

NEXTCHEM (MAIRE) EXPANDS ITS ADVANCED POLYMER'S PORTFOLIO WITH THE NXPAND™ SUITE AND LAUNCHES NX CONSER POLYFLEX™ TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT THE PRODUCTION OF THE SPANDEX FIBER

- **NEXTCHEM launches NX CONSER PolyFlex™, a sustainable technology solution for the production of PTMEG, an advanced polymer and the backbone of spandex fiber**
- **NX CONSER PolyFlex™ is part of the newly created NXPand™ suite, which marks NEXTCHEM's entry into technology solutions for the textile industry**

Milan, 12 February 2026 – **MAIRE** (MAIRE.MI) announces that **NEXTCHEM**, through its subsidiary **CONSER**, the technology licensor for high-value chemical derivatives and biodegradable plastics, is reinforcing its portfolio with the introduction of the new **NX CONSER PolyFlex™** technology to produce polytetramethylene ether glycol (PTMEG), the key polymer composing the spandex fiber.

This technology is part of the newly created **NXPand™ suite**, that is marking NEXTCHEM's strategic entry into sustainable solutions for the textile industry. **NX CONSER PolyFlex™** encompasses versatile solutions to produce PTMEG from both conventional and biological feedstock (i.e. bio-based tetrahydrofuran or THF). PTMEG is then used to manufacture a variety of elastomeric products, including spandex, known for its outstanding flexibility and thermal/mechanical resistance, making it essential for applications in high-growth markets such as sportswear, technical apparel, and protective clothing.

The initiative builds on NEXTCHEM's collaboration with **Shanghai Diyang Chemical Technology Co. Ltd**, a Chinese company specialized in catalysts and fine chemicals. The agreement also includes solutions for special intermediates as well as industrial, pharmaceutical and cosmetical solvents.

Fabio Fritelli, Managing Director of **NEXTCHEM**, commented: "NX CONSER PolyFlex™ represents a major step forward in expanding our sustainable technology portfolio. It reinforces our commitment to delivering innovative solutions that support the high-performance textile industry and unlock new opportunities for the group in fast-growing segments."

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