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Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Study on the Assessment of the Situation of the Textile and Clothing Sector**

Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission has launched the execution of the tasks within the framework of the study on the assessment of the situation of the textile and clothing sector and prospects for its future development. Within the study, the Contractors will analyse trends in research and innovation, restructuring, education and training, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) difficulties and challenges with a focus in given EU regions. The main goal is to better equip national/regional and European authorities as well as social partners and the business community to respond to structural and to the crisis challenges and minimise its socio-economic consequences.

In the follow up of the call for tenders ENTR/2010/16 to carry out the study on "Assessment of the situation of the textile and footwear sectors in the EU and prospects for their future development", the contract for the study on the textile and clothing sector was awarded to the Saxion Consortium (composed of Stichting Saxion, CITEVE, Institut Français de la Mode, Danish Technological Institute).

Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation and availability, in particular with respect to interviews, questionnaires and surveys, in order to facilitate the Contractors to carry tasks within the framework of the study on the assessment of the situation of the textile and clothing sector.

Yours faithfully,

  
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