

Water Recovery & Reuse in Garment Manufacturing





- Industrial Wastewater Treatment Challenges
- UOP XCeed[™] Immobilized Cell Bioreactor technology
- Garment Manufacturing Case Study Data



- Textile production requires significant volumes of water
- Availability and cost of fresh water can limit production
- Wastewater contains high levels of BOD and COD that must be removed for internal reuse
- Operational cost to treat wastewater for internal reuse can be prohibitive

Production and cost challenges drive need for advanced, efficient biological wastewater treatment

XCeed[™] Bioreactor Technology



COMPARTMENTALIZED, PLUG-FLOW DESIGN



High efficiency in a compact design

Key Components





Bio-catalyst (Microbes which densely populate the mixed-media) Bioreactor Contains...







Proprietary mixed-media packing

Bio-catalyst Support (Close-up of mixedmedia foam)

Biological Lifecycle





Longer solids retention time promotes: 1) Growth of higher life forms 2) 70-80% less sludge

Garment Manufacturing Case Study



- Operations in water-constrained area in Latin America
- Local community water supply was impacted by manufacturing water demands
 - Facility implemented water reuse system for finishing operations









- MLSS > 10,000 ppm
- Biomass retention time > 60 days
- Sludge yield: 0.07 0.12 kg biomass/kg BOD₅ consumed
- Biomass loading: 3.5 4.8 kg BOD₅/m³/day
- HRT: 3 9 hours
- Energy consumption: ~ 25 kw/hr



	Raw	Primary	Bioreactor Effluent	Secondary
Parameters	Process	DAF		DAF
	Effluent	Effluent		Effluent
Flow (gpm)	200-400	200-400	200-400	200-400
COD (mg/L)	800-1,000	300-500	100-150	100-150
BOD (mg/L)	250-350	200-300	0-35	0-25
Turbidity (NTUs)	200-300	50-100	75-125	25-50
Color (PtCo)				
Finishing	300-400	100-150	75-90	40-60
Dyeing & Finish.	1250-3500	500-800	300-600	100-150*
pH (S.U.)	8.0-9.5	7.5-9.0	7.5-8.5	7.5-8.5
TDS (mg/L)	600-1200	600-1200	600-1200	600-1200

* Hypochlorite post-treatment polishing



- Garment manufacturing facility recovered 80-90% of wastewater for reuse
- Product quality maintained following implementation of water reuse
- Production bottleneck issues associated with water supply were eliminated
- Order backlog was reduced and orders could be filled on demand



Questions