

# LINEN FOR GOOD

GOOD FOR THE PLANET - TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER

It is our mission to work with flax farmers, spinners and finishers to create the highest possible added value with the smallest possible ecological footprint.

We always choose the most sustainable methods out of respect for our planet, people, and raw material.

**LIBECO**<sup>TM</sup>

BELGIAN LINEN

— est. 1858 —

## FLAX - SUSTAINABLE BY NATURE

Flax is one of the most sustainable raw materials in the world. During growth, the flax plant receives no additional irrigation; rainwater is sufficient. In comparison to other crops, far fewer pesticides and fertilizers are used with flax.

## BELGIAN LINEN & MASTERS OF LINEN - A LOCAL STORY

The best flax in the world grows in northern France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. This European 'flax territory' with rich soil and mild North Sea climate is ideal for cultivating our strong flax fiber, and represents 85% of the worldwide flax production.

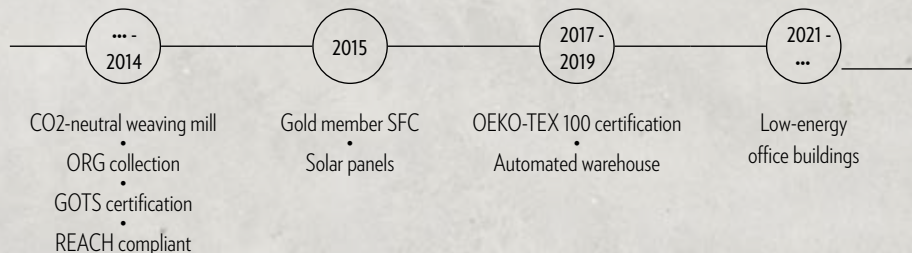
## ZERO WASTE - EVERY PART OF THE PLANT IS USED

The flax seed is used for the next flax season, and because of its high content of omega-3 fatty acids, it is also used in human and animals' nutrition. Linseed oil is found in soap, paint, and cosmetics. The flax shives are processed into animal bedding and chipboards. Long fibers are used for textiles, and short fibers find their use in the insulation and paper industry. Our waste selvedge and shearing dust is recycled into insulation material and paper.

## ECOLOGICAL - BIODEGRADABLE

Flax finds its origin in nature, and accordingly, linen fabric is fully biodegradable after use. An independent study shows that a linen fabric can fully degrade after 6.5 months.

## LIBECO'S SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS



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