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Textile barrier efficiency and breathability test results

This document certifies the results of the mentioned test(s) carried out under controlled conditions						
on fabrics for COVID-19 cloth masks.						
Instrument calibration certificates available on request.						
Samples submitted by:	SILVEROAKS	Test conditions supervised by:				
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Test Dates:	27 May 2020	Dept. of Chemistry and Polymer Science,				
End use: Cloth masks		University of Stellenbosch				

TEST METHOD: Barrier efficiency test based on ISO14644 – adapted to measure the efficiency of textile fabrics and filter materials for use in cloth face masks to be used during COVID-19 pandemic. (The purpose of these masks is to prevent transmission of small respiratory droplets from the wearer to the environment. Cloth masks are not PPE). The test method is based on the attainment of a 5 micron particle count after transmission of an air stream through the sample and an air flow rating that represents the air permeability of the sample.

Results are rated on a 4-point scale as shown below to prevent misinterpretation.

RATING:	1	2	3	4
Explanation:	Very poor	Poor	Good	Excellent
Value (B)	0-25%	25-50%	50-75%	75-100%
Value (AP)	0-25%	25-50%	50-75%	75-100%

SAMPLE REF	Layers	Barrier rating 5 micron	Barrier rating 1 micron	Air flow rating
SMART SILVER COMMUTER MASK (FABRIC MINIMAT AND PONGEE)	2	4	4	2
SMART SILVER ADVANCED FIT MASK (FABRIC MINIMAT AND FILTER B140)	2	4	4	3

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