Ministry of Industry & Minerals-Textiles Sector Executive Summary

Industries: Apparel, medical cotton, handmade rugs, machine-made

rugs, leather works, and fabrics

Factories: 31 production facilities

• Total revenue: \$20,000,000

2005 revenue: \$50,000,000 (projected)

Textiles are one of the longest serving active industries in Iraqi society. The sector provides textiles in the form of clothing, hand-woven and machine made rugs, and medical textiles such as cotton. This sector has suffered from mismanagement and lack of modernization under the prior regime. The textile industry in Iraq has the potential to be turned around through private sector investment and leasing strategies. The sector consists of the following state owned enterprises:

- > State Company for Cotton Industries
- > State Company for Woolen Industries.
- > State Company for Textile Industries Wasit
- > State Company for Textile Industries Hilla
- ? State Company for Ready-made Clothing
- > State Company for Handmade Carpets
- ? State Company for Leather Industries

Production Capabilities:

Production Type	Design Capacity	Available Capacity*	Current Production
	(x1000)	(x1000)	(x1000)
Fabrics	180000 m	130000 m	80000 m
Blankets	190 pieces	150 pieces	52 pieces
Apparel	6000 pieces	5000 pieces	3250 pieces
Socks	3000 pairs	2400 pairs	1200 pairs
Shoes	3600 pairs	3000 pairs	1800 pairs

Production Type	Design Capacity	Available Capacity	Current Production
Medical cotton	495 tons	396 tons	350 tons

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^{*} Capacity limit due to availability of electricity and other technical factors