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## Abstracts

This report provides a round-up of recent corporate developments in the global technical textile sector, including acquisitions, divestments and mergers, business news, financial results, investments and joint ventures. The report contains insight and analysis of developments in a wide range of companies and other organisations involved in the sector, including: Alexium Government Solutions (AGS), Alexium International, Aster Capital, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA), Autoliv, Avilon Fibres, BBM Bommidala Group, Coats, Composites One, Crailar Technologies, Dresden Papier, DSM Dyneema (DSM), Duro Textiles, European Disposables and Nonwovens Association (EDANA), FibeRio, Fiberweb, Filtrona, FNSS Savunma Sistemleri (FNSS), Fortress Paper, Freudenberg Nonwovens, Fulcrum SP Materials, Glatfelter, Invest, Kelheim Fibres, Lantal, Lenzing, Lenzing Plastics, O? Beteiligungsgesellschaft, Oxeon, SABIC Ventures, SGL Group, Teijin Aramid, Tr?tzschler Nonwovens, Ulinco Components, Ulinco Invest and Voith Paper.

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### SUMMARY

### ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTMENTS AND MERGERS

Filtrona has acquired Ulinco Components

Glatfelter has acquired Dresden Papier

Kelheim Fibres has acquired flame retardant (FR) fibre know-how and technology from the bankrupt Finnish Company Avilon Fibres

Lenzing has sold an 85% stake in its Plastics business unit to a consortium of Austrian investors

### BUSINESS NEWS

Alexium's Licensee Duro Textiles has introduced Ascalon-treated polyamide flame retardant products

Alexium Government Solutions (AGS) has won a US government contract to develop fire retardant (FR) fabric treatments for military fabrics for the US Marine Corps

Composites One has become an authorised distributor of Oxeon's TeXtreme products

Invista Engineering Polymers has started production at a new polyamide salt facility in the Netherlands

Teijin Aramid has strengthened its presence in Asia with the opening of a new office and a new technical centre in China

### FINANCIAL RESULTS

Crailar Technologies has reported a net loss for the fourth quarter and the whole of 2012, and for the first quarter of 2013

Fourth quarter 2012

First quarter 2013

Lantal has reported a decline in sales in the whole of 2012

SGL Group has reported a slower than expected start to 2013 which has led to an adjustment of its annual guidance

Outlook

### INVESTMENTS

Autoliv is building a new plant for manufacturing airbags in Thailand

Fiberio has raised funding from two principal strategic investors to continue development of its Forcespinning nanofibre production system

Fiberweb has announced a US\$15 mn expansion project at its site in North America

Freudenberg Nonwovens is investing Euro5 mn in the expansion of its capacity for producing

Evolon products

The board of management and the senior management of SGL Group have bought SGL shares worth Euro3.6 mn (US\$4.7 mn)

## **JOINT VENTURES**

DSM Dyneema and FNSS have signed a letter of intent relating to future cooperation in the field of lightweight, high performance armour protection

Filtrona has formed a joint venture company with BBM Bommidala Group to manufacture and distribute cigarette filters in the Middle East and Africa

EDANA and INDA have joined forces to promote free and fair trade in nonwovens

The nanotechnology company Fulcrum SP Materials has signed a commercial partnership agreement with coats to develop new textile products

Trützschler Nonwovens and Voith Paper have entered into an agreement relating to the joint development of machinery for producing wet-laid and hydroentangled nonwovens

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