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## **Abstracts**

This report provides a round-up of recent corporate developments in the global technical textiles sector, including acquisitions, business news, financial results, investments and market forecasts. The report contains insight and analysis of developments in a wide range of companies and other organisations involved in the sector, including: Ahlstrom, Alexium International, Andritz Perfojet, Blackman & White, Companhia Previd?ncia, Dow Automotive Systems, Duro Textiles, Eschler Group, Fibras Sint?ticas de Portugal (Fisipe), Finance Yorkshire, Fong's Industries, Hindoostan Technical Fabrics, Itochu Plastics, Lenzing, L Possehl, Monforts, Nan Liu Enterprise, Ontex Group, ParAid Textile Services, Peratech, Precot Meridian, PurThread Technologies, Schoeller Textil, SGL Group, SouthWest NanoTechnologies (SWeNT), Teijin Group, Toho Tenax and Zoltek.

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### SUMMARY

### ACQUISITIONS

Fong's Industries has acquired the textile finishing machinery producer Monforts  
Schoeller Textil has acquired the functional knitted fabric maker Eschler Group  
SGL Group has completed its takeover of the acrylic fibre maker Fibras Sintéticas de Portugal

### BUSINESS NEWS

Andritz Perfojet will supply a hydroentanglement line, the world's widest, to Nan Liu Enterprise's plant in China  
Duro Textiles and Alexium International have signed an agreement relating to Alexium's  
Novel halogen-free flame retardant (FR) treatment for polyamide textiles  
Ontex Group intends to close a diaper production plant in Germany  
SouthWest NanoTechnologies (SWeNT) has signed an agreement with Itochu Plastics relating to the distribution of its products in Asia  
Teijin Group is investing in a research and development company in China and will cooperate with Chinese fibre manufacturers  
Toho Tenax has appointed Hindoostan Technical Fabrics as its Indian partner and will supply it with Tenax Carbon Fibre

### FINANCIAL RESULTS

Zoltek has reported a 30.9% increase in net sales in the first nine months of 2011/12

### INVESTMENTS

Ahlstrom has started up a filter line ahead of schedule  
Companhia Providência has opened a second nonwovens plant in Minas Gerais, Brazil  
Dow Automotive Systems has established laboratories in Europe and the USA to develop carbon fibre composites for automotive and transport applications  
Finance Yorkshire will invest ?1.2 mn in Peratech, a manufacturer of Quantum Tunnelling Composites (QTCs)

Lenzing is investing in a new facility for making Tencel lyocell at its headquarters in Austria

Paraid Textile Services has invested in the latest fabric cutting machinery

Precot Meridian will make hydroentangled nonwovens for medical markets

Purthread Technologies, a new medical textile company, has opened its headquarters in the USA

Teijin Group has opened up a new composites centre close to automotive manufacturers in the USA

Toho Tenax will double its capacity for producing nickel-coated carbon fibre to meet higher demand for electromagnetic shielding

## **MARKETS**

The market for advanced wound care products has yet to reach its full potential, according to a new report

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