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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; investments; and joint ventures. The report contains news relating to the following innovative companies, events, other organisations and research centres: AC-Automation, Avgol Industries, Bonbouton, DSM Dyneema, DuPont Safety & Construction, EconCore, FiberVisions, First Quality Enterprises, FMS Enterprises Migun (FMS), Future Aerospace, Hexcel, Indorama Ventures (IVL), Lenzing Group, Metyx Group, Norafin Americas, Oerlikon, Pental, R2G, Saltex, Teijin Limited, Nonwovens Innovation & Research Institute (NIRI), The University of Sheffield, Toray Industries, W L Gore & Associates and Zoltek.

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### SUMMARY

### ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTMENTS AND MERGERS

Oerlikon has invested in plant automation technology by acquiring AC-Automation  
Petrochemicals producer Indorama Ventures is to acquire a majority stake in the  
nonwovens producer Avgol Industries

R2G, the owner of Pegas, is to acquire First Quality Enterprises' nonwovens  
businesses in  
China and the USA

### BUSINESS NEWS

A unique high pressure resin transfer moulding (HP-RTM) centre has been opened in  
the UK

DSM Dyneema has successfully concluded a patent infringement case

EconCore has installed a pilot line for producing extruded thermoplastic honeycomb  
cores

Smart textiles: an interdisciplinary approach will be encouraged at Saltex in September  
2018

The wipes manufacturer Pental has been fined for false claims about flushability  
Toray's new process for producing large carbon fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP)  
components without an autoclave could cut costs

### INVESTMENTS

Composites reinforcements specialist Metyx, based in Turkey, is to acquire a  
manufacturing facility for a new technical textiles division in the USA

DuPont is to invest US\$400 mn in the production of high density polyethylene  
spunbonded nonwovens

FiberVisions is to invest in polyolefin bicomponent fibre capacity

Lenzing is to invest in new capacity for making Tencel Luxe filament yarn

Norafin Americas has opened a new hydroentanglement line in the USA

Teijin has begun construction of a carbon fibre production facility in the USA

The Nonwovens Innovation & Research Institute has invested in new equipment and a  
new facility

Zoltek is to increase its carbon fibre production capacity in anticipation of rising demand

## **JOINT VENTURES**

Advanced composite materials producer Hexcel has established a materials testing partnership in China

W L Gore and Bonbouton plan to collaborate in the development of smart fabrics for health care applications

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