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Abstracts

This report provides a round-up of recent corporate developments in the global technical textiles sector, including: acquisitions, divestments and mergers; business news; investments; and joint ventures. The report contains news from the following innovative companies, other organisations and research centres: Alfredo Grassi, Archroma, Arville, BASF, BASF New Business, Chomarat, Directa Plus, Faurecia, Fibertex Personal Care, Fibre Extrusion Technology (FET), Gurit, Hexcel, Innofil3D, Innovate UK, Interglas Technologies, Invista, Klopman, Lectra, Lenzing Group, M Dohmen SA Group, PHP Fibers, Porcher Industries, Reifenhauser Group, Rusvata, Shandong Ruyi Investment Holding, Standard Textile, Taihan Textile, Toray Industries, Toyobo Europe GmbH, Velox, Vestagen Protective Technologies and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland.

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SUMMARY

ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTMENTS AND MERGERS

Archroma has acquired an additional stake in M Dohmen SA Group and formed a partnership with the company

BASF New Business has acquired Innofil3D, a producer of filament for three-dimensional (3D) printing

BASF plans to acquire the integrated polyamides business of Solvay

Invista has entered into an agreement to sell its Apparel & Advanced Textiles business

PHP Fibers has acquired the Breathair brand in Europe from Toyobo Europe GmbH

Porcher Industries has acquired Interglas Technologies

BUSINESS NEWS

A consortium led by VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland is to develop sustainable fibre-based products as alternatives to oil-based materials

Fibre Extrusion Technology (FET) has won a grant from Innovate UK for a melt spinning research and development project

Gurit will transfer its UK prepreg business to Gurit Spain by summer 2018

Hexcel plans to launch a UK government-backed project to develop multiaxial fabrics for composites and expand its UK manufacturing facility

Reifenhauser Group has established a new digital business unit called Reifenhauser Digital

INVESTMENTS

Fibertex Personal Care is to begin print production in the USA

Lenzing has opened an Application Innovation Center (AIC) in Hong Kong

Rusvata has installed a state-of-the-art Trutzschler spunlacing (hydroentanglement) line

Technical textiles specialist Arville has increased its spread-coating capacity

JOINT VENTURES

Chomarar has signed a new agreement with Velox relating to the distribution of carbon and glass reinforcements

Directa Plus has signed a contract with Alfredo Grassi to supply technical textiles

incorporating Graphene Plus (G+) for high performance workwear

Klopman has agreed an exclusive partnership with Taihan Textile

Lectra and Faurecia have renewed a partnership agreement relating to automotive seating

Standard Textile and Vestagen have established a strategic partnership to market

Vestex apparel for health care workers

Zoltek's site in Hungary is to house a Toray polyphenylene sulphide production facility

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