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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, joint ventures 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: Advanced Flexible Materials, Ahlstrom, BCC Research, DSM Dyneema, Filspec, Fulgar, Lenzing, Oerlikon Neumag, One-A Engineering Austria, Oratex, Porous Power Technologies, Protec-Style, Rhodia, SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget), Soci?t? Chemos, TenCate Geosynthetics, The Hohenstein Institute, The Freedonia Group and US Industrial Fabrics Institute (USIFI).

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ACQUISITIONS

Ahlstrom has taken a stake in a US battery separator technology company

BUSINESS NEWS

DSM has closed its plant for making ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) tape in Switzerland

Lenzing is taking legal action against One-A Engineering Austria regarding alleged patent infringement

Protec-Style in Canada is leading a project to develop cheap silk-like fibres from milkweed

SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget) has restructured its hygiene operations

The US Berry Amendment has been updated to include components of military tents

FINANCIAL RESULTS

TenCate Geosynthetics has reported an increase in sales for the first nine months of 2011

INVESTMENTS

Ahlstrom is targeting Indian markets for filtration

Oerlikon Neumag has won a contract to supply a plant in India which will make staple fibres for nonwovens

The Hohenstein Institute has opened a laboratory in Hong Kong

JOINT VENTURES

Rhodia has entered into an agreement with Fulgar relating to the distribution of its Emana bioactive yarn in Europe

SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget) has sold a 50% stake in its operations in Australasia

MARKET FORECASTS

The world market for speciality fibres is set for strong growth

US demand for filters will grow robustly between 2010 and 2015

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