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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, events, 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: 3B, AGY, Alexium International, Bonar Technical Fabrics, Braj Binani Group, Colbond, Duro Textiles, Everbeauty, Far Eastern New Century, Fibertex Personal Care, Fibras Sintéticas de Portugal (Fisipe), Freudenberg Far East Spunweb, Global Industry Analysis (GIA), Golden Equity Investments (GEI), Japan Vilene, Lenzing, Low & Bonar, Military & Security Equipment, Mount Vernon Mills, National Nonwovens, Naturally Advanced Technologies (NAT), Negofor, Ombu Group, Outlast Technologies, P2i, Papeles Industriales (PISA), PPSS Group, Royal Ten Cate, Safety Today, SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget), Schoeller Medical, Schoeller Textil, SGL Group, Techtexil North America, Toray Industries, Toyota Industries, Uster Technologies and Xero Flor International.

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ACQUISITIONS

Outlast Technologies has been acquired by Golden Equity Investments

SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget) has strengthened its presence in South America by acquiring the remaining 50% shareholding in Papeles Industriales (PISA)

SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget) has acquired Everbeauty, an Asian hygiene products company

Toyota Industries has taken a majority stake in Uster Technologies

BUSINESS NEWS

AGY has increased its output of S-2 Glass fibre products

Low & Bonar has merged its Colbond nonwovens business and its Bonar Technical Fabrics fibres, nonwovens and woven fabrics business

PPSS Group has entered into two licensing agreements relating to the distribution of its cut resistant clothing in the USA and the distribution of its body armour in South Africa

Schoeller Textile has created a new subsidiary in order to exploit the medical market

EVENTS

The ninth edition of Techtexil North America was held during April 24-26, 2012, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Royal Ten Cate has reported a 16% increase in sales and a 28% rise in net profit in 2011

INVESTMENTS

3B Plans to increase its global capacity for making glass fibre

Alexium International has raised funds to develop its flame retardant (FR) treatment for polyamide

Freudenberg will increase its production capacity in Taiwan

Fibertex Personal Care will invest US\$55 mn in a state-of-the-art production line in

Malaysia

Low & Bonar has acquired Xero Flor International, a green roofing specialist

Mount Vernon Mills will expand its capacity at its facilities in Georgia, USA

National Nonwovens has established a line in a cleanroom environment for making nonwovens for medical applications

P2i has received an investment of ?6 mn (US\$9.5 mn) from Ombu Group

SGL Group has completed its acquisition of an 86.19% stake in Fibras Sintéticas de Portugal

Toray Industries has announced a ?45 bn plan to increase its carbon fibre production capacity by 6,000 tons a year

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Duro Textiles is aiming to commercialise Alexium's flame retardant (FR) treatment for polyamide

Naturally Advanced Technologies (NAT) and Lenzing have signed a joint development agreement

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