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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, Anglostar, Armadillo Merino, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA), BASF, Bekaert Textiles Group, Comez Gestioni, Cygnet Tex-Web, DyeCoo Textile Systems, DyStar LP, Enbasa Laval, Huntsman Textile Effects, Jakob M?ller, JB Martin, Lenzing, Martintek USA, Munktell Filter, PFG Fiber Glass (Kunshan) Co, Sandler, SGL Group, SwissTex Winterthur, TenCate Advanced Composites, Tr?ttschler and Zoltek.

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SUMMARY

ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTMENTS AND MERGERS

Ahlstrom has acquired Munktell Filter and intends to target the market for laboratory filters

Bekaert Textiles Group has acquired Enbasa Laval

DyStar LP has acquired Anglostar and its subsidiaries

JB Martin has sold Martintek USA

Trützschler has taken over SwissTex Winterthur's yarns business

BUSINESS NEWS

Alexium International has won a contract from the US Air Force to test a fabric treatment which helps to protect against chemical and biological agents

A European Centre for Textile Innovations has been opened in France

Ahlstrom has committed more investment to filtration materials

BASF and SGL Group will jointly develop reactive polyamide-carbon fibre composites

Cygnat Tex-Web has won a contract worth ?5 mn (US\$8 mn)

The European Thermoplastic Automotive Composites consortium (eTAC) has been established

Huntsman Textile Effects is collaborating with DyeCoo Textile Systems in the development of DyeCoo's waterless dyeing technology

The Italian Navy is set to order high-tech garments from Armadillo Merino

Jakob Müller and Comez Gestioni have combined their business activities in the field of crochet and knitting machines

TenCate Advanced Composites and BASF have entered into a strategic alliance relating to the development and production of thermoplastic automotive composites

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Zoltek has reported a 22.8% increase in net sales in 2011/12

Fourth quarter 2011/12

2011/12 INVESTMENTS

Lenzing has invested in a pilot plant to develop Tencel fibres for high technology

electrical applications

PFG Fiber Glass (Kunshan) Co has started its fourth furnace in China

Sandler has invested in a new production line

MARKETS

Demand for disposable supplies for hospitals is being driven by growing concerns about hospital-acquired infections (HAIs)

The European market for disposable surgical drapes and gowns is examined in a new report

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