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Abstracts

This report provides a round-up of recent corporate developments in the global technical textile industry, including acquisitions, divestments and mergers, business news, investments and joint ventures. The report contains insight and analysis of developments in a wide range of companies and other organisations involved in the industry, including: Alexium International, Ampersand Capital Partners, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA), Biomedical Structures (BMS), Central Textiles, China Nonwovens and Industrial Textiles Association (CNITA), Clariant, Cotswold Industries, Crailar Technologies, Duro Textiles, DSM Dyneema, DyStar, ICON Protect, Kowa Company, Lineo, Linz Textil, Merida, Modified Polymer Components (MPC), MZ Group, NatureWorks, NI Teijin Airbag Fabric (Nantong), Oerlikon Schlafhorst, PWG Bedrijfsveilige Kleding, Rhodia, SK Capital, Teijin Frontier, Teijin Limited, TenCate Advanced Armour, TenCate Protective Fabrics, Tork, Trützschler Switzerland and the US Air Force.

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SUMMARY

ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTMENTS AND MERGERS

Biomedical Structures (BMS) will merge with Modified Polymer Components (MPC)
Clariant has divested its Textile Chemicals, Paper Specialties and Emulsions
Businesses to SK Capital

BUSINESS NEWS

Alexium International's financial position is strengthening thanks to growing revenues
from a US Air Force contract and its flame retardant (FR) polyamide treatment
Alexium International has reported that product development activities are on track and
that it has appointed a new chief executive officer (CEO)

Alexium's Reactive Surface Treatment (RST) has been awarded a patent by the
Chinese
Patent Office

Crailar Technologies has commissioned its first full-scale facility for manufacturing
Crailar

Flax fibre in the USA

Crailar Technologies is seeking to raise its profile with investors following an increase in
sales resulting from the inauguration of a new manufacturing facility

DSM Dyneema has opened its new Asia-Pacific Technical Center in Singapore

DyStar will transfer textile chemical production from Hangzhou to its site in Nanjing,
China

Lineo will supply flax fibres to Merida for use in its Scultura SL road racing bicycle

NatureWorks will establish regional headquarters in Bangkok in order to grow its share
of the biopolymer market in the Asia-Pacific region

Teijin Frontier has started producing fabrics for airbags in China

TenCate Advanced Armour has opened a sales office in the United Arab Emirates
(UAE)

TenCate Protective Fabrics has won contracts from the IJsselland and North-East
Gelderland fire brigades in the Netherlands

Trützschler Switzerland has received its first order

INVESTMENTS

Linz Textil has invested in a second Autocoro 8 rotor spinning machine from Oerlikon Schlafhorst

Rhodia will increase production of polyamide 6.6 yarn for textile and industrial applications in Brazil

Teijin Limited has begun operations for moulding carbon fibre reinforced thermoplastics (CFRTPs) at a pilot plant

JOINT VENTURES

Crailar Technologies has signed a fibre supply agreement with Kowa

Crailar Technologies has entered into an agreement with Cotswold Industries relating to the development of its Crailar Flax Fibre

Inda and CNITA have entered into a strategic alliance

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