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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; financial results; investments; and joint ventures. The report contains insight and analysis of developments in a wide range of companies and other organisations involved in the sector, including: Ahlstrom, Ahlstr?m Capital, Ahlstrom Fabrica??o de N?o-Tecidos, Australian Future Fibre Research and Innovation Centre (AFFRIC), Bekaert Advanced Filtration, Clarcor, Companhia Provid?ncia Industria e Comercio, Cygnet Textimp, Deakin University, EDANA (European Disposables and Nonwovens Association), Freudenberg Nonwovens, GE, INDA (International Disposables & Nonwovens Association), Johns Manville Europe, Jushi Group, Karl Mayer, LIBA Maschinenfabrik, Pegas Nonwovens, Polymer Group Inc (PGI), Purolator Advanced Filtration, Schoeller Technologies, SGL Group, SGL Rotec, Suominen, TenCate, Vestagen Technical Textiles and Zoltek.

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### SUMMARY

### ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTMENTS AND MERGERS

Ahlstrom has sold its hydroentanglement plant in Paul?nia, Brazil, to Suominen  
Clarcor has acquired Bekaert Advanced Filtration and the Air Filtration Business of  
GE's  
Power and Water division  
Karl Mayer has acquired majority ownership of Liba Maschinenfabrik  
Polymer Group Inc (PGI) will buy Companhia Provid?ncia Industria e Comercio  
SGL Group has sold its Rotor Blade Company, SGL Rotec

### BUSINESS NEWS

Ahlstrom has restructured its business to increase its focus on the medical and food  
packaging markets  
Ahlstrom plans to establish a new service centre in Lithuania for accounting, customer  
service and finance operations  
Cygnet Texkimp has supplied a polyacrylonitrile precursor creel to the Australian Future  
Fibre Research and Innovation Centre (AFFRIC)  
EDANA and INDA have agreed to work together  
Johns Manville Europe has rebranded its nonwovens business and increased the prices  
of its polyester nonwovens for roofing  
Jushi Group has opened a new glass fibre production plant in Egypt  
SGL group is streamlining its organisation as part of its SGL2015 restructuring  
programme  
SGL Group will close its graphite electrodes plant in Narni, Italy  
Pegas Nonwovens has commenced standard commercial production at its production  
line in  
Egypt  
Vestagen Technical Textiles has entered into a licensing agreement with Schoeller  
Technologies relating to the development of Vestex health care uniforms

### EVENTS

The 11th edition of Techtextil North America was held during May 13-15, 2014, at the  
Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA

## **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The board of management at SGL Group will not propose a dividend for its 2013 financial year

TenCate has reported a net profit of Euro19 mn for 2013

Advanced Textiles & Composites

Geosynthetics & Grass

Other activities

Outlook

Zoltek has reported a decline in its net sales and net income in 2012/13

Fourth quarter 2012/13

## **INVESTMENTS**

Freudenberg Nonwovens will invest in advanced spunlaid technology

Polymer Group Inc (PGI) will Invest US\$8 mn at its facility in Waynesboro, Virginia, USA

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