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# **Abstracts**

There are numerous participants within the global composites industry and this report attempts to delineate the top companies operating within the composite industry. Often a company within the industry will focus on a specific role such as the designing of a composite structure, the manufacturing of composite components, the production of semi-finished products or the production of the raw materials necessary for composing and weaving of the desired composite fabrics. Visiongain calculates that the global composite market consisting of carbon fibre, glass fibre and aramid fibre reinforced plastics will reach a global market value of \$53.3bn in 2013.

Companies specialising in the production of raw materials manufacture the required resins or fibres. This is an intensive chemical process and the companies are often very large chemical engineering groups. Companies using these raw materials in order to produce semi-finished materials are the next actors in the composites supply chain. They produce prepregs (pre-impregnated composite fibres) and woven fibres.

The designers and manufacturers of composite components are the next link in the supply chain. These designers and manufactures use semi-finished composites acquired from the previously mentioned stage to manufacture a variety of components for the specialist use within different industries. The aerospace, automotive and energy industries with high demand for composites tend to outsource their requirements and specifications of products to these manufactures and designers.

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# **About**

#### Overview

Zoltek is a leading US applied technology and advanced materials company specializing in carbon fibre production. Zoltek is seen to be a leader in finding innovative ways to use composite technology especially that of carbon fibre. Evidence of this is that Zoltek was the first company to create wind turbines and carbon fibre on a commercial scale. Since Zolteks work in this field electrical generation turbines are now synonymous with carbon fibre and composite materials. Zoltek still remains key in this energy generation market through specific long term supply arrangements with two of the largest wind turbine manufacturers in Europe. Zoltek also produces large amounts of custom carbon fibre to be used specifically for new generations wind turbines under the trade name Panex.

## **Location and Operations**

Not solely focusing on the use of carbon fibre in wind energy, Zoltek also manufactures intermediate products composed of technical fibres. PYRON is the trademarked name which Zoltek uses for their internally developed technical fibre. This specific fibre is a stabilized and oxidized acrylic fibre used when both flame and heat resistance is needed. Zoltek has spent over 15 years in developing PYRON and the proprietary technology and manufacturing process. Through Zoltek's 6 production facilities located primarily in the US Zoltek, with two of these facilities based in Hungary and Mexico Zoltek believes that they have the largest production capacity focused on producing low cost technical carbon fibre for commercial applications. Zoltek has established its self as a leading carbon fibre producers while maintaining a relatively domestic production base. Zoltek achieves its global reach through 6 sales offices located strategically in China, Hungary, India, South Korea and the US.

## Outlook

We view Zoltek as a potential rising star. Zoltek has clearly identified the international markets where high growth potential exists and we expected their focus to stay in these areas in the short run. Zoltek has recently been seen to be expanding its sales force and marketing efforts within South East Asia. While still a comparatively small company in contrast to the Multinational Japanese firms, Zoltek is a much younger firm with a niche specialization. We would expect Zoltek to be looking to expand on its wind turbine



technology for which it is highly regarded and possibly be further funding its research and development division in order to create the next PYRON and Panex.



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