

Most non-woven fabrics classified as *artículos técnicos de materia textil* are produced in Mexico. Some of these may or may not be classified as "engineered" textiles in Canadian terms. Levels of supply and quality are sufficient to meet national demand and export.

SOME OF THE COMPANIES THAT DOMINATE THE NON-WOVEN TEXTILE MARKET ARE:

Company	Product
John Solomon	Manufacturers of <i>entretelas</i> for apparel use. Considers U.S. quality inferior to its products.
Milyon	Makes disposable/reusable napkins and sponges for kitchen use. Considered number one in Mexico with this line of products.
CYDSA-Bonlam (The Polymer Group)	Manufactures medical clothing, diaper linings, agricultural coverings, mattress coverings etc. Not all of these products qualify as <i>artículos técnicos</i> .

The leading competitor in the diaper linings business is a Canadian firm, Veratex. Prior to the devaluation of the peso a Mexican company, *Bonlam*, claims to have been gaining market share from them. With the devalued peso, *Bonlam* expects to be much more competitive.

OTHER LEADING COMPANIES IN THE ENGINEERED TEXTILE MARKET ARE:

Company	Product
Industria Polyfil	polypropylene fibres
BASF Mexicana	dyes
Exxon and Liondel	resins
Wagner de México, S.A. de C.V.	metallic and synthetic filters

Most of the companies interviewed felt that any new Canadian initiative in the non-woven, engineered-textile sector would be ill-advised. The competition is strong, internationally backed, experienced, acquainted with the Mexican market, and firmly established.