

Materials and Resources Deals for July 2018

Company Name	Description	Deal Synopsis
Ball Metalpack	Manufacturer of steel containers. The company provides packaging for aerosol products, food, household consumables, pet food, nutritional and other products.	The steel food and steel aerosol packaging business of Ball (NYSE: BLL) was acquired by Platinum Equity through a \$675 million LBO on July 31, 2018. Subsequently the business was renamed Ball Metalpack.
Inhance Technologies	Provider and manufacturer of plastic barrier, adhesion, and surface enhancement products. The company focuses on the transformation of plastics and composites to higher performing materials and provides performance additives, material treatments, and chemical synthesis, enabling the packaging, automotive, healthcare, consumer products, industrial and transportation industries to avail fluorinated containers at a competitive cost.	The company was acquired by Aurora Capital Group through an LBO on July 16, 2018 for an undisclosed sum. The financing will enable Inhance Technologies to build new facilities in the U.S. and abroad, furthering their organic growth.
Naadam Cashmere	Operator of a knitwear company that responsibly sources the highest quality cashmere in the world. The company's products are ethically sourced directly from the Bayangovi region of Mongolia and are organic and environmentally sustainable enabling it to offer durable and soft cashmere products to its customers.	The company received \$16.016 million of development capital from Vanterra Capital, Torch Capital, Trail Post Ventures, U-Start and Plug and Play Tech Center on July 17, 2018. This round of funding will allow Naadam to strategically invest in marketing, advertising, and brand communication initiatives to support continued triple digit growth year over year.
The Burchell Nursery (Stone Fruit Breeding operations)	Provider of stone fruit breeding and associated plant genetic services in Oakdale, California. The company engages in breeding of more than 60-patented range of stone fruits and trademarked series of peaches and nectarines, enabling customers to receive quality products at nominal prices.	Burchell Nursery divested its stone fruit breeding operations to Wawona Packing, via its financial sponsors WP Global Partners and Paine Schwartz Partners, through an LBO on July 20, 2018 for an undisclosed sum. The deal will enable Burchell Nursery to focus its nut variety development.