

## Press release

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### TenCate selected by ATK for American Centrifuge Program

**TenCate Advanced Composites USA announces that Alliant Techsystems (ATK) in Minneapolis (Minnesota, USA) has selected TenCate as a composite prepreg material supplier for the manufacture of composite rotor tubes used in USEC Inc.'s American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon (Ohio, USA). The materials will be manufactured in the TenCate Advanced Composites facilities in Northern California (USA). Sales as a result of this supply agreement will start as from 2010, provided USEC Inc. receives DOE (Department of Energy) debt funding for the project.**

TenCate Advanced Composites is a leading producer of advanced composite materials primarily for the space and aerospace markets and for the personal and vehicle armour markets. There is an increasing interest from other industrial sectors, which will broaden the application areas for these materials. As a result of recent acquisitions, TenCate is well positioned and has the technology base installed to expand this business activity further.

Scott Unger, President of TenCate Advanced Composites USA states: "We are pleased to have been selected by ATK to participate as co-supplier in this program. The experience of TenCate with high modulus prepreg systems for satellite programs has provided the expertise needed to transition this material from select aerospace usage into an important industrial infrastructure program. The American Centrifuge Plant is an important element in the U.S.'s goal to achieve energy independence. TenCate in the USA is already involved through its materials in many projects related to the protection of US citizens, ranging from the protection of US infrastructure – e.g. coastal protection – to the protection of US soldiers. This project too is regarded as important for the national interest. We are very proud to be able to contribute to this."

TenCate and their wholly owned subsidiaries YLA Inc. and CCS Composites Inc. in Benicia (California, USA) have provided ATK with high modulus prepreps and compression molded parts for many years for critical aerospace and satellite programs. ATK is the manufacturer of composite rotor tubes used in the centrifuge method enrichment process. ATK will fabricate these tubes in its Rocket Center facility in West Virginia (USA).

USEC Inc. (United States Enrichment Corporation) in Bethesda (Maryland, USA) currently operates the only enrichment facility in the United States and supplies more than a quarter of the world market. USEC Inc. is deploying the American Centrifuge Plant, which will replace its existing gaseous diffusion plant and be the only domestic U.S. owned and operated enrichment facility. The centrifuge method uses cascades of large numbers of composite rotor tubes, and is more cost effective than the gas diffusion enrichment process. USEC Inc. has applied for and

is awaiting approval from the DOE Loan Guarantee program as the path for obtaining debt funding to complete the American Centrifuge Plant. According to USEC Inc., the American Centrifuge Plant will play an important role in America's energy security and national security.

**TenCate Advanced Composites USA**  
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**TenCate Advanced Composites** is a leading supplier of thermoset and thermoplastic prepregs. TenCate's composite materials are used in commercial aircraft, radomes, satellites, general aviation, oil & gas, medical and high-end industrial applications.

**Royal Ten Cate** (TenCate) is a multinational company which combines textile technology with related chemical processes and material technology in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. Products of TenCate are sold worldwide.

Systems and materials from TenCate come under four areas of application: safety & protection, space & aerospace, infrastructure & the environment, and sport & recreation. TenCate occupies leading positions in protective fabrics, composites for space and aerospace, antiballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on the NYSE Euronext (AMX).