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TenCate protective fabric preferred by US Military being evaluated for use in fire fighter garments

TenCate Protective Fabrics announces that TenCate Defender™ M, the leading protective fabric for combat uniforms of the United States military, is now being evaluated for use in the garment of fire fighters. Engineered with patented, inherently flame-resistant properties that will not wash out or wear out, TenCate Defender™ M is ideal for use as a thermal liner for fire fighters' turnout gear.

Standard issue for every ground soldier deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, TenCate Defender™ M flame resistant fabric has earned praise from military leaders for its effectiveness in protecting deployed personnel from flame-related hazards such as improvised explosive devices (IEDs). TenCate Defender™ M is ideal for use as a thermal liner for fire fighters' turnout gear, because it is engineered with patented, inherently flame-resistant properties that will not wash out or wear out. It is breathable and naturally wicks perspiration away from the body, yet is lightweight and comfortable enough for station wear shirts, jackets and pants.

'Because TenCate Defender™ M was designed for the military, it also has excellent resistance to wear, tear and fading', says Eliad Granger, marketing manager at TenCate Protective Fabrics. 'This ensures a longer life and greater value, for fire fighters turnout gear as well. TenCate Defender™ M is a cost-efficient option for garments worn by wildland fire fighters, as it is priced lower than other flame-resistant fabrics currently available.'

Variety of colors

TenCate Defender™ M is a tri-blend fabric of 65 percent Lenzing FR® Rayon, 25 percent para-aramid, and 10 percent nylon. Traditionally produced in prints required by the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, the fabric is now available in a variety of colors, including solids and camouflage prints, to meet the needs of both structural and wildland fire fighting organizations.

TenCate Defender™ M is part of the TenCate comprehensive line of inherently flame-resistant fabrics for fire fighting, military, industrial and emergency response apparel. It meets and exceeds the following protection standards: NFPA 1971, 1977, 1975, and CGSB 155.1. Commercial fabric availability is expected late third quarter 2010.

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TenCate Protective Fabrics develops and produces protective and safety fabrics for industry, services, firefighting and defense. TenCate Protective Fabrics has plants in Europe, Asia and North-America.

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).