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TenCate signs supply contract with EADS and its subsidiary Airbus SAS including Airbus A350 XWB

TenCate Advanced Composites Europe today announces that an enabled material contract has been signed to supply TenCate Cetex[®] carbon fabric laminates for use in the new Airbus A350 XWB among other EADS applications. Based on this award the delivery of TenCate Cetex[®] will start towards several Tier 1 and Tier 2 partners of Airbus that produce fuselage panels and components for the Airbus A350 XWB.

TenCate Cetex[®] material – that can be characterized as high strength and low weight – will be applied to the stiffening structure of the body of the Airbus A350 XWB. Frank Meurs, group director of TenCate Advanced Composites, explains: ‘Our thermoplastic material is already used in existing Airbus programs, amongst others the Airbus A380. These advanced fabric reinforced thermoplastic composite materials are already used for many structural and semi-structural exterior as well as interior applications in aircraft. With the supply of TenCate Cetex[®] material to the Airbus A350 XWB program, the importance of light and moldable thermoplastic material is once again underlined. One of the advantages of the application of thermoplastic composite is the ability for the serial production in large numbers’.

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TenCate Advanced Composites is a leading developer and producer of thermoset and thermoplastic prepreg composites for space and aerospace and industrial applications. Prepregs of TenCate Advanced Composites are used in commercial aircraft, satellites, helicopters, general aviation, aircraft interiors, radomes and unmanned vehicles. TenCate Advanced Composites has plants in Europe 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).