

Press release

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First synthetic turf field with TenCate Monoslide Ultra™ with XQ™ technology turf fiber being installed in San Diego

End of May 2011, the Christian Unified School District of San Diego (California) will take delivery of their new synthetic turf field, featuring TenCate Monoslide Ultra™ with XQ™ technology turf blades. This new turf fiber of TenCate Grass is more durable than other synthetic sports fibers and enables a sports surface that looks and plays like a natural grass field in top condition.

As a leading sports turf supplier and constructor of sports facilities, Hellas Construction Inc. (Austin, Texas), when developing their new Insurrection™ turf system, chose TenCate Monoslide Ultra™ with XQ™ technology turf fibers as the heart of their system because of its durable performance and natural looks. The Christian Unified School District is the first to get this groundbreaking turf system, and several other installations with TenCate Monoslide Ultra™ with XQ™ technology are soon to follow.

Ribbed crescent shape

TenCate Monoslide Ultra™ monofilament turf blades feature a “ribbed crescent design” to provide not only resilience but also natural looks. The crescent shape is a TenCate developed 3D structural shape giving the fiber the ability to bounce back up after being stepped on. The concave surfaces between the ribs deflect light in multiple directions to reduce glare and look more natural. The fiber’s design is optimized for durability and split resistance: the ribs are positioned such that thin spots in the design are avoided.

TenCate XQ™ technology

A structural 3D shape such as TenCate Monoslide Ultra™ monofilament fibers does best with the ground breaking XQ™ technology of TenCate. This proprietary technology provides the much-needed strength to be able to withstand the significant material stresses found in structurally shaped turf blades. 3D monofilaments without this technology will be less resilient, less split resistant and wear out sooner. XQ™ technology is only available from TenCate.

Chain management

As global market leader in components for synthetic turf systems (synthetic turf fibers and backing), TenCate Grass strives to achieve constant improvements in the qualitative aspects and service life of the sports fields in which its components have been incorporated. In order to achieve these improvements, it is vital that the partners involved in the chain of production and installation of a synthetic turf

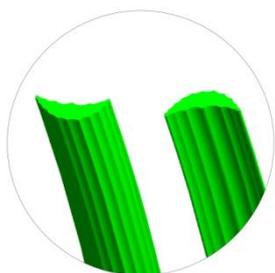
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system satisfy these stringent requirements. This can only be achieved through optimal collaboration within the value chain.



3D crescent shape of TenCate Monoslide™ Ultra turf blade with XQ™ technology

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TenCate Grass develops and produces synthetic turf components and designs systems for top-flight sports, recreation and landscape applications. TenCate, with its partners, aims to operate a system approach. This gives users confidence in its playing characteristics and service life. TenCate Grass has production facilities in Europe, the Middle East and North America.

Royal Ten Cate (TenCate) is a multinational company that combines textile technology, chemical processes and material technology in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. TenCate products are sold worldwide. Systems and materials from TenCate come under four areas of application: safety & protection; space and aerospace; infrastructure & the environment; sport and recreation. TenCate occupies leading positions in safety fabrics, composites for space and aerospace, advanced armour, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on NYSE Euronext (AMX).