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TenCate Advanced Composites joins National Composites Centre in UK

TenCate Advanced Composites, as a leading company in the manufacture of advanced thermoplastic and thermoset materials, is now joining as tier 2 member the National Composites Centre based in Bristol, United Kingdom. As multinational company, TenCate aims at working together with primary centres of excellence on research and application of these advanced composite materials.

Thermoplastic composites are an integral part of the aerospace and automotive industry, offering real rate production and performance benefits on secondary and primary structures. Nick Tiffin, Sales and Marketing Director of TenCate Advanced Composites EMEA says: 'We are very pleased to announce our tier 2 membership of the National Composites Centre in the UK. This centre of excellence has an extensive range of processing equipment for handling these advanced composite materials. Being a member will help us to understand in more depth about how our materials can be applied to new production environments and products'.

Peter Chivers, Chief Executive of the National Composites Centre, adds: 'We are delighted to welcome TenCate to our ever growing number of members. The National Composites Centre looks forward to their contribution to the exciting developments which are going on at the centre, particularly the recognised expertise of TenCate in the areas of thermoplastic processing'.

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TenCate Advanced Composites is a world leader in the development and production of thermoplastic and thermoset prepreg composites for the aviation industry. Its product portfolio is incorporated into among other things commercial aircraft, helicopters, general aviation, aircraft interiors, radomes and unmanned aircraft. TenCate Advanced Composites has production facilities in North America and Europe.

Royal Ten Cate (TenCate) is a multi-national company that 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, anti-ballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on the NYSE Euronext (AMX).

The **National Composites Centre** is located on Bristol & Bath Science Park and is owned and operated by the University of Bristol, and draws on established links to world class composites research at Bristol, the University of Bath and other Universities in the United Kingdom. The NCC is part of the first Technology and Innovation Centre for High Value Manufacturing (HVM). The HVM Technology and Innovations Centre provides an integrated capability and embrace all forms of manufacture using metals and composites, in addition to process manufacturing technologies and bio-processing.