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New TenCate materials make protective clothing more comfortable

TenCate Protective Fabrics will launch two new protective products in the TenCate Tecasafe® Plus collection during the forthcoming A + A 2013 international trade fair in Dusseldorf, Germany. This relates to protective knits for company polo shirts and T-shirts that are extremely comfortable to wear and also wash well in industrial laundries. In addition, a new protective fabric with a laminate will be launched for use in flame-resistant industrial outdoor clothing. This fabric offers optimal protection against rain, wind and other adverse conditions, and also provides a high degree of wearer comfort and excellent moisture-regulating characteristics.

TenCate Tecasafe® Plus fabrics and knits were developed on the basis of a patented composition of fibres. As a result, this protective solution offers improved moisture-regulating characteristics, which are better than alternative, synthetic aramid solutions. Moreover, the woven fabrics and knits dry faster than cotton alternatives with a flame-retardant finish. TenCate thus offers inherently flame-resistant solutions with unparalleled protection and comfort to workers in the oil and gas industry, the petrochemical industry and public utilities.

Optimal protection and use

TenCate expects the demand for protective and comfortable clothing in industry to continue to increase. This is due to changing legislation and regulations in respect of personnel safety at the workplace, and to the fact that comfortable industrial clothing in daily practice is more wearable. American and European tests have shown that TenCate Tecasafe® Plus fabrics and knits offer greater protection and more comfort. Their flame-resistant characteristics offer maximum protection against the dangers of industrial heat and flames. At the same time tests also show that these inherently flame-resistant characteristics will neither wash out nor wear out.

Complete clothing systems

The introduction of the new knits and laminated fabrics has made it possible to put together complete TenCate Tecasafe® Plus clothing systems. The existing TenCate Tecasafe® Plus fabrics are already used in protective industrial clothing, such as work trousers, jackets and overalls. The launch will also enable TenCate to offer protective solutions for company polo shirts, T-shirts and outdoor jackets.

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The TenCate Tecasafe® Plus collection will be exhibited during the A + A 2013 international trade fair from 5 to 8 November. The TenCate stand can be found in Hall 3, D62.

Digital images are available on request via media@tencate.com

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TenCate Protective Fabrics is the world's number one producer of protective fabrics for the manufacturing of safety wear. We supply garment makers with an extensive range of top-quality and technologically advanced fabrics. The global R&D team of TenCate has great knowledge and experience of high-tech fabrics. Our many innovations have resulted in a wide range of highly regarded and, in many cases, patented fabrics.

Many people around the world are enjoying the protection of our fabrics – from firefighters in New York, Amsterdam and Montreal, to workers in the world's leading oil & gas companies and utilities, various NATO armies, and more.

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 properties. TenCate products are sold throughout the world.

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