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TenCate announces partnership with Abaris Training utilizing TenCate AmberTool® tooling prepregs

TenCate Advanced Composites North America, a leading global composite materials company for space and aerospace applications, announces a partnership with Abaris Training Resources in Reno (Nevada), USA, in which Abaris will utilize the TenCate AmberTool® tooling prepreg portfolio, including TenCate's exclusive 3M™ Fortified Tooling Prepregs (FTP), in Abaris' tooling design and fabrication educational workshops.

This partnership for social innovation will provide Abaris' students with an opportunity for hands-on experience with one of the fastest growing tooling composite materials in the industry today. Joe Johnson, Tooling Product Manager at TenCate Advanced Composites in Morgan Hill (California), USA, states: "This is an excellent partnership at the right time. The tooling prepregs of today, along with the modern processes used to manufacture tools, have reached a level where composite tooling represents now the first choice for composite fabricators. Abaris' expertise in training and depth of experience ensures that composite tool builders of tomorrow will be equipped for success."

Variety of advantages

Composite tooling provides part builders with a variety of advantages over heavier steel tooling including matched CTE's, lighter weights, lower cost fabrication and rapid build times. Michael J. Hoke, President of Abaris Training Resources, says: "Abaris is delighted with the cooperative effort with TenCate in helping to improve what we offer our students in our tooling mold fabrication classes."

**TenCate Advanced Composites North America
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TenCate Advanced Composites is a leader in the development and production of thermoplastic and thermoset prepreg composites. Its product portfolio is incorporated in automotive products, aerospace applications, medical equipment and numerous other industrial applications. TenCate Advanced Composites has production facilities and operations in Europe and North America and distributors in Asia.

Royal Ten Cate (TenCate) is a multinational company that combines textile technology with chemical processes and material technology in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. 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 the environment; sport and recreation. TenCate occupies leading positions in protective fabrics, composites for space and aerospace, antiballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on NYSE Euronext (AMX).

Abaris Training Resources is a world leader in advanced composite training. Abaris has trained more than 20,000 students since 1983, in industries ranging from aerospace to automotive. Currently there are twenty six courses in various disciplines of advanced composite instruction. Classes are available in three different facilities: Reno, Nevada, Griffin, Georgia (USA), and Brasilia (Brazil). All courses are taught by instructors with vast experience and knowledge of composites and are acknowledged for being the top in their respective field.