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TenCate Cetex[®] thermoplastic composites featured on Airbus A350 XWB

TenCate Advanced Composites, a leading global composite materials company for aerospace applications, is a key supplier of thermoplastic composite materials for the Airbus A350 XWB, which completed a significant milestone event today with the first commercial delivery to Qatar Airways.

TenCate Cetex[®] thermoplastic composite materials are used for the production of an array of components on the Airbus A350 XWB aircraft, specifically high volume components within the carbon fibre reinforced thermoplastic (CFRT) fuselage. These thermoplastic composite materials offer weight reduction along with high strength and durability properties. TenCate Advanced Composites work with leading suppliers within the aerospace industry for structural, semi structural and interior applications on programmes across the Airbus Group, such as the Airbus A350 XWB and previously launched Airbus A380.

Frank Meurs, group director of TenCate Advanced Composites says: "We are very pleased to be a supplier on the A350 XWB programme, and congratulate Airbus on the first delivery. It is an aircraft that demonstrates thermoplastic composite materials and their increased use in the future of aviation structures".

TenCate Advanced Composites
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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 North America and Europe 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).