

## Press release

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### TenCate expects substantial growth in revenues for TenCate Defender™ M products

TenCate Protective Fabrics USA has reported a surge in demand for its lead TenCate Defender™ M product during the fourth quarter. Sales are forecasted to reach approximately 60 million US dollars during the last quarter of 2010 (29 million US dollars in fourth quarter 2009). Increased demand for TenCate Defender™ M is expected to last well into the first quarter of 2011.

The ramp up of TenCate Defender™ M fabric consumption started during the third quarter after the temporary decline in sales as a result of style changes (camouflage print). Current high sales levels relate to demand from the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps, where uniform distribution is being increased to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Global War On Terrorism. Fabric from this order will be used to manufacture the Army issued Flame Resistant Army Combat Uniform (FR-ACU) and the Marine issued Flame Resistant Organizational Gear (FROG).

TenCate anticipated on the current trend by building inventory throughout the supply chain in advance to support this increase in demand of its products. Fabric to fulfil these orders began shipping at the end of the third quarter 2010.

#### Material of choice

TenCate Defender™ M fabrics have repeatedly been chosen by the US Army and US Marine Corps for ground troops in the FR-ACU and FROG programs. TenCate Defender™ M fabrics are made from a unique fiber blend that includes Lenzing FR® Rayon. As the leader in inherently Flame Resistant (FR) materials, TenCate also provides fabrics used in other programs such as Army Aircrew Combat Uniforms (A2CU), Improved Combat Vehicle Coveralls (ICVC), Navy Shipboard Jackets, Army Flash Hoods and several others.

#### Further innovation

TenCate is in close contact with end-users constantly differentiating its product portfolio for various applications in the field. TenCate Protective Fabrics USA also announces today that it is producing a highly durable version of its TenCate Defender™ M Flame Resistant fabric for US Marine Corps uniforms, giving the Marines more protection on the battlefield in Afghanistan and Iraq. Uniforms with this high-end version of TenCate Defender™ M will be delivered to the Marines in the fourth quarter of 2010.

**Royal Ten Cate**  
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**TenCate Protective Fabrics** develops and produces protective and safety fabrics for industry, services, fire fighting and defence. TenCate Protective Fabrics has plants in Europe, Asia and North-America.

**Royal Ten Cate** (TenCate) is a multinational company which 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, antiballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on the NYSE Euronext (AMX).