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TenCate signs partnership agreement with Samil to expand TenCate Defender™ M in South Korean market

TenCate Protective Fabrics has signed an agreement with Samil Spinning Co. Ltd. in Seoul, Korea, to become a TenCate Defender™ M partner. The partners have the objective of expanding the TenCate Defender™ M product portfolio in the South Korean military and police market.

As the world's leading supplier of protective fabrics, TenCate is pleased to have entered into partnership with Samil Spinning. Samil is currently providing non-FR fabrics to the South Korean military and there is high interest in expanding their offering to include TenCate Defender™ M with its inherently FR properties and worldwide reputation as the FR choice for military applications.

Vertical Integration

Samil operates state-of-the-art spinning operations as well as dyeing and finishing facilities and will, in some cases, licensed manufacture fabric from start to finish in South Korea. TenCate Defender™ M is ideal for the Korean Military as well as civilian police forces. Efforts will be focused on the manufacture, sales and marketing of TenCate Defender™ M in the South Korean market. TenCate Defender™ M manufactured in South Korea will be sold and used there and will not reach the US market.

Samil Spinning, an established partner with Lenzing Fibers, is well positioned to make TenCate Defender™ M with Lenzing FR® fiber as its primary component. The alliance is a valuable opportunity for growth in the South Korean market and is one that will ensure continuity of quality and protective performance of TenCate Defender™ M.

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TenCate Defense & Tactical is a business unit of TenCate Protective Fabrics, world leader in the design, development, production and commercialization of protective and safety fabrics for industry, services, firefighting and defense. TenCate Protective Fabrics has establishments in North America, Europe, South America and Asia.

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).