

DSM Dyneema Press Release

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DSM DYNEEMA TO CONTINUE SUPPLYING MATERIAL FOR ADD-ON ARMOR FOR THE STRYKER COMBAT VEHICLE

STANLEY (US), 23 March, 2010 - DSM Dyneema has recently received a new order for a significant volume of Dyneema® HB26 to be utilized as part of the add-on armor program for the Stryker combat vehicle.

The Stryker vehicle continues to be one of the more successful platforms in the operating field in Afghanistan. These vehicles along with the M-ATV are considered to be the workhorse platforms in the fight against terrorism.

“Once again, Dyneema® HB26 has been selected as the armor material of choice for the Stryker vehicle,” said David Cordova Vice President Business Development for DSM Dyneema Life Protection Americas. *“We are pleased to continue providing material to these and other important life preserving platforms.”*

The armor system components will be produced by TenCate Advanced Armor USA. *“The Stryker program is a perfect example of how two key suppliers to the defense industry can maximize their value by combining forces to meet the continuing armor demands of our customers and the US Government,”* said Scott Unger, President of TenCate Advanced Armor USA. *“TenCate Advanced Armor plays a critical global role in the development and production of advanced armor systems that meet the demanding and ever changing threats faced by soldiers, marines and law enforcement officers.”* TenCate Advanced Armor operates armor production facilities in the USA, France, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and India.

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