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Ten Cate Advanced Textiles' new continuous open-width bleaching machine is running smoothly (see page 4)

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Royal Ten Cate

Net profit in third quarter 17% higher

TenCate recorded an increase in profit of 17% to € 10.8 million in the third quarter. This amount does not include the book profit on divestments. TenCate posted a book profit of € 39.3 million on the sale of the Synbra Group in the third quarter.

The increase in profit compared with the first half is slightly depressed as a result of a change in the sales mix. Its share of defence markets declined somewhat. This is the result of the relatively large size of these orders, which may influence the period result. What is, however, important is that TenCate expects the increase in net profit to amount to over 20% for the year as a whole. The net profit for the whole year is expected to be between € 32 and € 33 million. The bar was raised extremely high by some analysts before it was announced that TenCate was to sell the Synbra Group. It must, however, be taken into consideration that, after the divestment in the third quarter, TenCate has missed a major source of earnings in the second half of 2006. On the other hand, the good sales result provides a springboard for further growth through acquisitions. The latter cannot yet be included in the quantified analyses of the analysts. If TenCate is successful on the takeover path, it will certainly have an impact on this picture. What is thus essential is how TenCate further interprets its buy & build strategy.

Growth markets

Although TenCate operates in growth markets, the autonomous growth in sales remained at 4.4% in the third quarter. This can be attributed to a slight slowdown in the market for geotextiles (geosynthetics) in the US. Despite the fact that some product groups displayed good growth, total growth remained limited.

The artificial grass market also did not perform as it had in the past few years. Sales in the third quarter were at the same level as those of last year. Volumes rose, but were compensated by lower margins. The slowdown in the artificial grass market has more to do with non-recurring factors rather than a



structural decline. TenCate is engaged in making both internal and strategic adjustments so as to benefit from future growth and to strengthen its leading position in this market.

Reactions

TenCate holds an excellent position in the field of advanced materials for the aerospace sector. The announcement by Airbus caused a number of anxious reactions from analysts and TenCate shareholders, as a result of which the share price reacted. This reaction is not justified: TenCate can absorb the slowdowns and will succeed in attracting new customers. Embraer is one example of this. The growth in sales of Cetex® will scarcely be affected by this. The effect of the delay in the construction of the A380 on TenCate's total figures is not significant. In the future there will be a catch-up effect in respect of Airbus.

The new Cetex System 3 is an interesting addition to our product range, partly because this material can be used in existing aircraft. The applications relate to interior parts, floor panels and frames for aircraft seats. More information on this can be found on the TenCate website.

Developments

There are good developments in the field of geosynthetics. In the European and Asian markets TenCate is being granted large projects and the company is operating very successfully here together with the former Polyfelt organization. Only in the US is there a slight decline. It is still too early to attribute this to a cooling down of the American economy.

Shareholders and analysts on visit to TenCate

On Thursday, 26 October, TenCate Advanced Textiles in Nijverdal Noord was the scene of a meeting with Royal Ten Cate shareholders.

The excursion took place in the closed period before the announcement of the third-quarter figures, and that's why the meeting revolved mainly round a visit to Advanced Textiles, in particular to see the continuous open-width bleaching machine that went into operation in July. This machine is a crucial link in preprocessing fabrics in their transformation into functional materials, and enables TenCate to produce higher quality more efficiently. With this bleaching machine, TenCate is also ready to apply new technologies such as Digitex. TenCate is striving towards an environmentally friendly process of textile finishing based on the efficient use of power, chemicals and water, and the continuous open-width bleaching machine fits in neatly with this objective.

Dick Hendriks, group managing director of TenCate Advanced Textiles, reported on the current position of TenCate and its strategic product-market combinations, and also gave a brief sketch of its innovative products. Hendriks also looked ahead to the future of functional materials in the markets where TenCate is active. Thanks to process automatization and



Great interest in the CBB

knowledge development, new technologies can be applied. The application of nanotechnology, biopolymers and photo-electric polymers is going to bring about a revolution in the industry, and TenCate foresees an integration of technologies, such as electronics and sensors, interwoven with its high-grade materials.

Distinguished visitor



Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Karien van Gennip paid a working visit to TenCate on 28 August. Among those in her entourage were several policy officers and other officials from her ministry, the University of Twente and the province of Overijssel, as well as the chairman and secretary of the Twente Innovation Platform. At TenCate Advanced Textiles in Nijverdal she was given further information about the Master Plan (see page 5) and the plans for an Open Innovation Centre – through which TenCate wishes to further develop its strategy on innovation, high tech specialties, and employment opportunities in Overijssel. In cooperation with universities, knowledge centres and other partners, new products will be developed and manufactured at this High Tech Materials Park. In this way expertise can be developed in a specialist field of knowledge, focusing on materials technology and efficient high-grade production possibilities. At the beginning of 2007 TenCate and the government will ultimately decide whether the initiative will go ahead.

Secretary of State Van Gennip seemed very impressed by the transformation that TenCate had undergone, as well as by the new developments, which she described as 'most inspiring'.

TenCate Advanced Textiles Master Plan

On 13 July Ten Cate Advanced Textiles' new continuous open-width bleaching machine was officially brought on stream, in the presence of Chairman of the Executive Board, Loek de Vries, the Mayor of Hellendoorn and the Member of the Provincial Executive for Overijssel. Shortly before they had put their signatures to the Centre Master Plan statement of intent. A large number of those involved and interested parties were invited to attend the ceremony, including the Royal Commissioner, the director of the Ministry of Housing, Regional Development & the Environment and representatives from government departments, test and knowledge institutes and universities.

A masterly plan

With this Centre Master Plan statement of intent, local authority, province and TenCate have ratified their collaboration in the concentration of TenCate's operations at the High Tech Materials Park in Nijverdal Noord, which is to be developed, and the redevelopment of Nijverdal. This is an investment in space, knowledge and work, aimed at further modernization, growth and an increase in employment. The two industrial premises that fall vacant will be redeveloped for housing.

Open knowledge centre

TenCate will also develop an open knowledge centre. In this centre, the company, universities and other knowledge institutes will be able to develop joint initiatives for new products and production processes. The open knowledge centre will mesh with the activities of Ten Cate Advanced Textiles, TenCate Aerospace Composites and TenCate Grass. Open collaboration with universities, institutes and industrial partners will enable expertise to be developed in a specialist field of knowledge aimed at material technology and advanced, efficient production possibilities.



Loek de Vries, Hans van Overbeeke and Theo Rietkerk sign the statement of intent

TenCate Protective Fabrics Big US military order

TenCate Protective Fabrics USA (formerly Southern Mills) has secured a big order from SNCT for flame-resistant fabric with camouflage print. SNCT is one of the major suppliers of flame-resistant clothing for the American army. The ordered fabric, based on Aramid fibres, will be printed with the new Universal Camouflage Pattern (UCP). SNCT uses TenCate materials to manufacture garments for military personnel operating in combat vehicles, aircraft and other high-risk areas. The order, which amounts to \$ 15 million, is expected to be delivered for the most part in the first quarter of 2007.

TenCate Protective Fabrics USA plays a leading role in the military market for flame-resistant fabrics with camouflage print in the United States. TenCate Protective Fabrics owns the patent on the technology for printing Aramid-based fire-resistant fabrics. It has recently developed a second-generation UCP fabric called GEN 2, which is more comfortable than the standard military product. It provides greater comfort without compromising flame resistance or other functional characteristics.

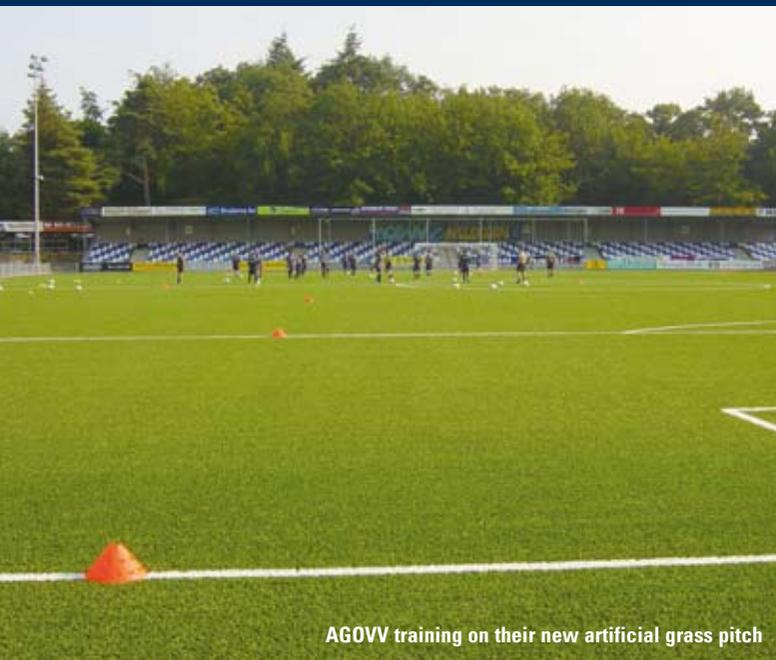
TenCate Grass

Artificial grass advances in professional football

Thiolon® Grass is catching on well in professional football. AGOVV in Apeldoorn is the fourth professional football club in the Netherlands to play its league matches on artificial grass. Heracles Almelo, Cambuur Leeuwarden and FC Omniworld preceded this first division club. Project partners Arcadis, Edel Grass and Ten Cate Thiolon delivered the artificial grass pitch on 13 July, so AGOVV are now able to train and play practice and league matches on the new pitch. TenCate considers the installation of this Dutch artificial grass football pitch 'important for the acceptance of artificial grass in the Netherlands'.

The AGOVV pitch is the fifth in the Dutch football league based on artificial grass. AZ too opted for a Thiolon® artificial grass training pitch this summer.

AGOVV is extremely satisfied with its new artificial pitch. 'The best artificial grass pitch there is', says Ted van Leeuwen (technical director of AGOVV). The infill material that is used on this new pitch is safe. It can be compared to the material that wine corks are made of – so it's harmless.



Developments in artificial grass and infill

Playing on artificial grass pitches has as yet presented no environmental or health risks. Research has shown that only a tiny amount of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons is released from the rubber particle infill that is made from ground-up car tyres. Many pitches use this infill, which involves styrene butadiene or synthetic rubber (SBR). The producers of artificial grass pitches, the Dutch Football Association (KNVB) and the sports umbrella organization NOC•NSF are conducting a follow-up study so as to remove all uncertainties. TenCate and the Ministry of Housing, Regional Development & the Environment and the Ministry of Health, Welfare & Sports are taking part in this study. TenCate looks favourably on any research directed at personal safety.



Safe infill

TenCate does not produce infill based on car tyres. The company does its best to avoid using it: not for possible health risks, but because of functional aspects. In 2004 TenCate, in collaboration with DEX Plastomers, developed a safe alternative: Thiolon® Infill Pro. The food packaging industry uses the same raw materials as those from which Thiolon® Infill Pro is made. It was developed partly with a view to the complete recyclability of similar sports pitches. This infill also retains its playing properties in the longer term and causes no excess wear and tear on the grass fibre.

Grass fibre and infill are optimally geared to each other; this is not the case with a recycled product. Because the various building blocks of an artificial grass pitch should be optimally tailored to each other, TenCate endeavours to operate a systems approach. This guarantees the safety and desired playing properties of the pitch over a period of at least 12 years.

Expansion of infill production

TenCate is going to considerably expand the production of Thiolon® Infill Pro. This will enable a substantial price reduction to be made, resulting in safe infill becoming more affordable for amateur clubs. Currently Thiolon® Infill Pro is being exclusively used by a limited number of professional clubs, including Heracles Almelo and AFC Ajax, and for the Dutch Football Association pitch in Zeist. The pitch at the FIFA Headquarters, which is still to be installed, will be provided with this infill. Amateur clubs mainly opt for SBR because it is relatively cheap. TenCate aims to bring artificial grass football pitches on the market as an integrated system of various components, which will be approved for amateur sport. This too will mean a reduction in the costs of buying a sports pitch.

Polman Stadium: FIFA**

The Polman Stadium, where Heracles Almelo plays its home matches, has come through the repeat trial for the FIFA** (two-star) certificate. The stadium pitch is the first FIFA** - approved artificial grass pitch for premier league football and the first artificial grass pitch in the European competition to achieve FIFA's highest quality certificate. The artificial grass pitch in Almelo is at this moment the most play-friendly and safest surface for the footballer.

Collaboration

Two football pitches were installed this summer in Gorinchem (NL) using a product from TenCate Geosynthetics (Polyfelt) and grass fibres from TenCate Thiolon. In the substructure of an artificial grass pitch (approx. 25 cm. below the surface level) a shock-absorbent underlayer is installed using TenCate Polyfelt. During its completion technical support was provided by TenCate Geosynthetics. At the moment the pitches are being extensively tested and results to date are very positive. The footballers are enthusiastic about the play characteristics of this new type of pitch. As it now looks, Ten Cate Thiolon will be including this product in its range in the summer of 2007.

Dolphins on artificial grass

The indoor practice facility at the Miami Dolphins' stadium in Davie (Florida, USA) has recently been equipped with the latest generation of artificial grass. The air-supported, bubble-shaped building – the first of its kind in South Florida – includes a regulation football pitch featuring 24/7™ artificial grass. This is made from TenCate Thiolon®'s new XP Pro-yarn, which resists splitting and offers enhanced wear ability. The blended infill, consisting of 75% rubber and 25% sand, provides a firm playing surface, while the underlying rubber elastic layer improves both performance and safety. The inlaid markings duplicate those on the Dolphin Stadium game-day field.



Royal Grass

Royal Grass: true to nature

What's the most natural artificial grass for your back garden or playground? Royal Grass, of course. For the 500 m² limbering-up area in the Philips Stadium or for a spacious villa in Marbella, the ideal solution is Royal Grass – artificial grass for gardens and landscaping.

The grass along the sideline in the Philips Stadium, where players warm up before taking to the field as substitute, often suffers considerably from rainwater spilling from the edge of the roof. Reason enough to lay a strip of natural-looking artificial grass. Royal Grass, then. With an eye to sport technical properties such as shock absorption and ball-bounce behaviour, a special E-layer was developed and used. The E-layer was necessary because Royal Grass is filled with two sorts of sand, not with synthetic infill.

A 700 m² garden at a villa in Marbella has been laid with Royal Grass Exclusive, a quality that has already been installed at a villa under construction in the same place. And the cost of this villa? A cool € 10 million! Royal Grass Classic was selected for the castle gardens of San Andres in Carboneras. The Exclusive and Classic are both made of fibres based on Thiolon Xtreme®.

The sale of the Royal Grass brand to Greenfields, the company with which TenCate is building a new business relationship, has recently been announced.



TenCate Geosynthetics

As of 1 September TenCate Nicolon, Polyfelt and Bidim are now known as TenCate Geosynthetics Netherlands bv, TenCate Geosynthetics Austria GmbH and TenCate Geosynthetics France sas respectively. The TenCate Nicolon companies in the United States had earlier changed their name to TenCate Geosynthetics, often followed by the designation North America. The group's facilities in Asia will be called TenCate Geosynthetics Asia. The names Polyfelt, Bidim and Nicolon will continue to exist as the designation of product families as these names are immediately recognizable in the market.

Among the winners

TenCate Geosynthetics USA has landed three awards. At the 2006 International Achievement Awards competition, sponsored by the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) the company received prizes for three projects based on geosynthetics.

It received the Award of Excellence for its contribution to the Interstate 5/Interstate 805 Traffic Relief project in San Diego County (California). There was an Outstanding Achievement Award for two other projects: the Lagoon Closure project at a former artificial silk production company in Axis (Alabama) and the restoration activities on the Canadian Pacific Railway in Kenora, Ontario (Telford Marsh).

Woodrow Wilson Bridge

TenCate Geosynthetics USA is involved in a civil engineering project in Washington DC. The original Woodrow Wilson Bridge over the Potomac, the river that separates the District of Columbia from Virginia and Maryland, is currently being replaced by two new spans, and large quantities of geotextiles (geosynthetics) are being used in the work.

The original Woodrow Wilson Bridge, built between 1958 and 1961, was the first link between Washington DC and the suburbs of Virginia and Maryland. By 1969 there was already more traffic crossing the bridge than the 75,000 vehicles a day it was designed to carry. Nowadays the daily figure has passed 200,000. A start was made on constructing the new bridge in 2000. One of the two bridges is already finished and open to traffic; the second will be completed in 2008. Furthermore, the I-495 will acquire four new slip roads. In total, 35,000 m² of geotextile, 20,000 m² of Miramesh and 125,000 m² of Geogrid are being used in this project.



TenCate Mirafi®: the right stuff

TenCate Mirafi geotextile has recently proved its worth in two US states. First came the dismantling of a 152m-high cooling tower weighing 37 tons in Rainier (Oregon). The explosion – 1,270 kilos of explosives were used – raised plenty of dust, but what was really remarkable was the fact that the debris fell within 21 metres of the original surface, thanks to TenCate material.

The cooling tower was part of the Trojan nuclear power plant, which was closed in 1993 for financial and safety reasons. It was the largest nuclear power station ever to be dismantled. To prevent debris from flying out on all sides, the high-impact areas of the tower were wrapped in strips of TenCate Mirafi® nonwoven. Consequently 95% of the debris fell within 20 metres of the initial area instead of a good kilometre.

Set in stone

A second fantastic job was carried out in Riverside County (California). Thanks to the use of TenCate Mirafi® 1100N, it was possible to combat the further erosion of a channel and to make the adjacent property suitable for development.

A portion of a channel that runs from north to south through Riverside County was suffering from severe erosion. On both sides the slopes had disintegrated; the neighbouring property had been partly buried under the crumbling material. Where the practice of dumping a layer of large rock – *riprap* – to reinforce the slopes had failed to produce the desired result, TenCate Mirafi®1100N, a heavyweight nonwoven geotextile, succeeded. After restoration of the channel bed and banks, TenCate Mirafi® was installed and covered with gravel and riprap. The result speaks for itself. There is no longer any question of erosion, and the adjacent property has now been developed. TenCate Mirafi® 1100N has high puncture strength. It can resist the heavy, sharp-edged riprap and has very fine openings that hold back even the fine-grained sand within the banks of the channel. Furthermore, it dissipates the hydrostatic pressure that may occur when the water elevation in the channel drops rapidly.



Mirafi® 1100N in erosion control

TenCate Advanced Composites Hi-tech combination

The national Hi-Tech Day in Nijverdal on 6 September was organized by TenCate Advanced Composites in cooperation with the Netherlands Defence Manufacturers Association, the umbrella organization for the Dutch defence industry. The Dutch defence market is good for two billion euros a year.

Producers of high-voltage electronics, precision instruments, ICT infrastructures, components and systems for aerospace, test equipment for aeroplanes and helicopters, and radar systems and mechanical units were all represented. In no way could the combination of assembled knowledge, technology and materials be considered excessive. Threat levels are constantly rising and demands are becoming ever more stringent, so protection must be better, lighter and more comfortable. Personal as well as vehicle and aircraft protection is a *big issue*. To remain competitive, you must continuously make more efficient use of materials. And combining knowledge and materials and cooperating with customers,



Guided tour of production

institutes and suppliers constitutes one pillar of the envisaged Open Innovation Centre in Nijverdal Noord.



TenCate Pro-Tector

TenCate Advanced Composites has launched a new development on the personal protection market: TenCate Pro-Tector. This is a concept based on Aramid fabric, which is coated with a special thermoplastic matrix. TenCate Pro-Tector is extremely suitable for bullet, knife, needle and fragment-proof applications. It is not only a remarkably light and flexible material, it is at the same time completely waterproof. This makes TenCate Pro-Tector thus extremely suitable for the coastguard and special forces in various weather and environmental conditions.

There have been applications from all over the world and they are also handling a number of tenders, including ones for the police, the coast guard and several from Saudi Arabia and Ireland, for 15,000 vests.

Embraer Order

TenCate Advanced Composites supplies thermoplastic Cetex® laminates for the production of ribs in the stabilizers of the Phenom 100 and Phenom 300, the new business aircraft from Embraer. To be exact, twelve ribs in the horizontal stabilizer of the 100 and the same number in both the horizontal and the vertical stabilizer of the 300. There are more than 235 jets on the order books. Earlier this year TenCate qualified and in September production of the first ribs made of PPS/carbon started.

The Phenom 100 and the Phenom 300 rank as the best in their class, according to Embraer. They are suitable for carrying 6 to 9 passengers. The features that were of principle importance

in the design of these jet aircraft were maximum comfort, excellent performance and low operational costs. Incidentally, to buy a Phenom 100 would set you back a cool US\$ 2.75 million.

By focusing on specific market segments in regional, military and civil aviation with a lot of growth potential, Embraer has developed into one of the largest aircraft builders in the world. It now occupies fourth place after Airbus, Boeing and Bombardier. Embraer primarily manufactures jet aircraft and turboprops for between 21 and 116 passengers. It supplies the military market – especially the Brazilian airforce – with transport, light attack and reconnaissance aircraft. Virtually their entire sales come from North and South America and Europe. Embraer is seriously looking for new developments with and applications for Cetex.



Royal Ten Cate

New website for TenCate

Since March this year TenCate has had a new corporate identity, including a new logo and house style. In the meantime good hard work has been underway on a new global website for the whole organization. For analysts and other interested parties, www.tencate.com is already a familiar address, whereas currently TenCate customers still visit the websites of the different operating companies. Soon everyone will be able to access all information on the different TenCate units via the general website address. In this way TenCate will show that it is one organization with one basic philosophy: *progress*.

Corporate governance

The website is an important medium for propagating TenCate's corporate governance policy. Not only can the code of integrity be found on the website, but the Tabaksblat code, risk management and remuneration policy also feature. Our new website will devote more attention to these topics, as well as to our policy on corporate social responsibility.

Technology

Many kinds of technical issues are involved in this project. All the different operating companies, target groups, languages and products have to be taken into account. To give some idea, at present the TenCate sites run to roughly 2,700 pages in ten different languages. All this information must be incorporated in the new website. The challenge will be to ensure that the new site remains clear and well organized. The corporate site, which along with the company profile and strategy will include the investor relations site, is expected to be ready in first quarter in 2007. In the second quarter, all current websites must be transferred to the new global TenCate site.

TenCate acquires patent position

Start of development cooperation with GreenFields

TenCate has signed a statement of intent with GreenFields in order to develop in close cooperation a new artificial grass system (the fourth generation of artificial grass). This new concept is based on an integrated artificial grass system which will no longer be composed of individual components (fibre, backing, infill, sub-base). To strengthen its current knowledge position, TenCate will acquire the GreenFields patent in this area. This patent will form an important addition to TenCate's existing worldwide patent position. The development of the fourth generation of artificial grass is aimed at reducing the costs of the total system. The future integrated artificial grass system will not require infill to make it sufficiently shock absorbent. The system will in due course provide an alternative to sports pitches with infill and thus offer TenCate an expansion of its product portfolio.



Strategic cooperation

TenCate will enter into a strategic cooperation with GreenFields. It will sell its majority interest (80%) in Landscape Solutions to GreenFields, to whom it will continue to deliver the fibre and backing for the Royal Grass brand. GreenFields will be one of the companies in the market with which TenCate will work closely in the area of research and commercial activities.

This collaboration represents a major step forward in the implementation of TenCate's strategic concept. TenCate seeks to achieve collaboration with markets players who endorse the TenCate quality concept in the artificial grass market. These are:

- A systematic construction of sports pitches with predictable sport technical properties.
- The raising of the current standard, with greater emphasis on the maintenance of the sport technical properties during the economic lifespan of the sports pitch.
- A safe playing surface for sportsmen/women during the economic lifespan of the pitch.
- The provision of a wide range of artificial grass systems, geared to the specific requirements of users.
- Entering into partnerships in the chain to safeguard the quality of the end product, which is composed of advanced system components.

- End-user marketing; end users have the right to know on the basis of which components a sports pitch is constructed and the system performance they can expect.
- Exclusion of any environment-unfriendly or harmful raw materials.

GreenFields® is a leading marketing company in the artificial grass market that is displaying rapid growth and has a market area that lies principally outside the Netherlands.

GreenFields was selected by FIFA as the principal contractor for a large number of future projects, several of which are related to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. As a result of the announced collaboration, TenCate will be involved in these projects as a supplier of artificial grass components.

Patents important for technological foundation

As stated in our last annual report, TenCate is planning to strengthen the protection of its technology. And the company has been devoting attention to this matter in respect of staffing levels. An increasing number of applications for new patents are also being submitted, in collaboration with third parties.

It was recently announced that TenCate was to acquire ownership of a GreenFields patent, a leading company in artificial grass pitches. This patent will form a part of the knowledge domain in the field of integrated artificial grass systems, which also includes sport technical functionalities. Currently sports pitches are composed of different components (underlayer, backing, fibre, sand, infill). In the future, functions such as cushioning, sliding properties and ball behaviour will have to come from the top layer (the surface). As a result, the TenCate product will be the decisive factor in the total playing characteristics of a sports pitch and this is of crucial importance for its quality, retention of playing characteristics, safety and lifespan.



Socially Responsible Enterprise

Reprocessing waste: good for the environment and it cuts costs

Operating companies within TenCate are working in various ways on one of the People, Planet and Profit areas to implement corporate social responsibility. Often the measures taken not only benefit the environment but also produce significant cost savings. For example, Aramid and carbon waste at TenCate Advanced Composites is collected separately by the machines, fully recycled, and given a second life as reinforcing material in other applications. These are high-grade raw materials, and carbon in particular is currently a scarce commodity. They are also very suitable for being ground up and reused. Ten tonnes of waste annually finds its way to one of the two specialized recycling companies in Europe. Here the Aramid

is washed and the remnants of resin and polyester edging are removed. This procedure results in short, strong fibres – a splendid reinforcing material for relatively cheap applications, such as the construction of buildings and boats or in brake discs for sports cars.

TenCate Advanced Composites is looking for a way to reduce on a small scale the use of raw materials in production. A waste compactor in the production department compresses part of the waste into bales, which results in the volume of waste being reduced by a factor of 10. This makes a difference in transport costs: now about six times as much waste goes into the container, thus sharply reducing the number of journeys at a stroke. Solvents and other chemical elements that are released as gas during the impregnation and heat-clean processes are eliminated by an after burner. In this way only hot air without solvents is released into the environment. Where possible, the company uses water-based resins.



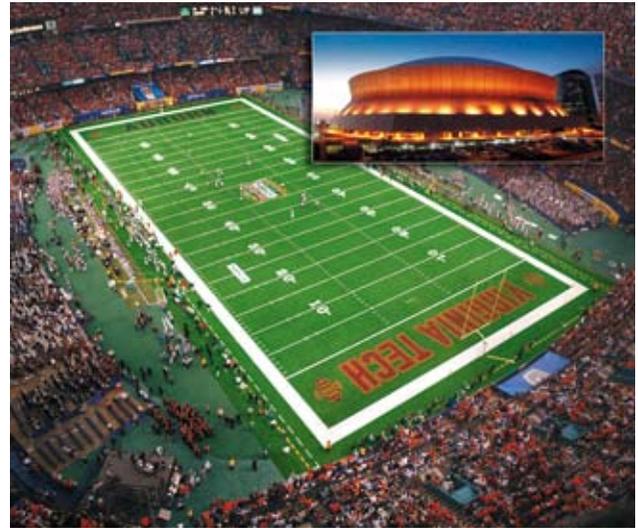
TenCate Grass North America **Thiolon® Grass for Superdome**

New TenCate Thiolon® synthetic turf has recently been installed in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, home base of the New Orleans Saints. The technical staff chose the Thiolon® fibre for its safety and sliding-friendliness. 'We now have a grass pitch that incorporates the latest developments in this area. This is a great step forward for the Superdome.' On 25 September the Saints played their first home game – against the Atlanta Falcons – on the brand new turf.

After 29 August last year, the Superdome suddenly acquired a completely different function. Following the devastation wrought by Katrina, more than 50,000 evacuees found temporary accommodation there. The synthetic turf could not cope with such an influx.

TenCate Technical Fabrics **Tenthouse**

Tenthouse is the name of a new project on Vlieland of TenCate Technical Fabrics. The Tenthouse, of which there are 150 on Vlieland, has three fixed walls, and a roof and one wall of tent cloth. The tent cloth for the roof and wall are naturally supplied by TenCate, in cooperation with Walker Camping Sport. The Tenthouses are dismantled in the autumn. This takes next to no time: just fold up the three walls and remove the canvas.



In publishing Ten Cate Update, Royal Ten Cate seeks to keep its business relations informed of the latest projects, product innovations and developments at its operating companies, and of any changes in the portfolio.

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Use of Geosynthetics during a civil engineering project in Washington DC (see page 9)



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