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## ***Dutch Supreme Court confirms Court of Appeal judgement of February 2004***

On April 7, 2006 the Dutch Supreme Court announced its judgement in the case of United Fabrics versus Royal Ten Cate.

The judgement confirms the verdict of the Court, meaning that a substantial part of the claim of United Fabrics with respect of the so-called "commercial alliance" is definitely rejected.

The judgement means as well that the management board of TenCate at that time had not complied with the so-called "management alliance". Both the Court in Almelo and the Court of Appeal in Arnhem judged earlier that United Fabrics has so far not succeeded in substantiating what damage has been sustained.

United Fabrics has now been given the opportunity, by means of a follow-up procedure for the determination of damages, to provide proof for the remainder of the alleged claim.

TenCate is confident about the outcome of the procedure and also refers to the relevant information in the 2005 Annual Report. The relevant content will be unchanged, but taking into consideration the final rejection of an important part of the alleged claim.

### **Royal Ten Cate**

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