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European grant for TenCate Digitex project

TenCate has reached an agreement with the European Commission on the Digitex project submitted. This project relates to the technological development of digital textile finishing. Textile finishing processes enable functional characteristics, such as fire resistance and self-cleaning properties, to be applied to fabrics. This digital technology will also make it possible to develop new applications for textile materials and to achieve advantages relating to processes, which will increase the competitiveness of the European textile industry.

A significant additional advantage is the reduction that can be achieved in the area of environmental impact and energy costs. One characteristic of the textile industry in general is its large-scale consumption of water and the costs that this entails. Even though environment-friendly chemicals are already being widely used within this sector, the costs involved in doing so will also be reduced. The project will thus contribute to the achievement of a clean manufacturing industry.

This innovation project comes within the framework of the Europe-wide promotion of innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises (SME-IP 6th Framework Programme). Within this programme companies and knowledge centres work in innovation projects that are considered strategically important for the technological development of various industrial sectors within the European manufacturing industry.

In this project TenCate is acting as the initiator and coordinator of 26 partners (10 universities and 16 companies). The total budget for the project is € 12.7 million, for which an amount of € 6.8 million will be received in subsidy. The timescale is four years. TenCate is participating in the total budget for € 2.6 million.

A key factor for TenCate is that this project will enable the company to gain access to an important new technology, in which development will occupy a pivotal role. On the one hand, the project will focus on the development of hardware and software, enabling the surface treatment of textile materials for finishing processes on a nanoscale. On the other hand, developments will be set in train that are aimed at expanding this technology to various areas of application in the market. Both suppliers and users of the technology will be able to benefit from it.

TenCate occupies a leading position in Europe in the field of textile finishing and this new technology will strengthen its competitive position in the global market. The significance of cooperation with partners is that the technology will be able to benefit from a broad area of application and that related developments can take place simultaneously.

Ten Cate Advanced Textiles bv is acting as the coordinator and the full list of partners appears on the TenCate website (www.tencate.com).

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1	Ten Cate Advanced Textiles	TCAT	Netherlands
2	B & B Corporate Knitwear VoF	BBCK	Netherlands
3	CIM-mes Projekt s.p.z.o.o.	CIMMES	Poland
4	Grado Zero Espace S.r.L.	GZE	Italy
5	Guantenor S.L.	Guantenor	Spain
6	J.Sarens NV	Sarens	Belgium
7	IRIS DP S.r.L.	IRIS	Italy
8	JPC S.P. z.o.o.	Jomex	Poland
9	Liebaert	Liebaert	Belgium
10	UAB Skalmantas	Skalmantas	Lithuania
11	SKA Polska s.p. z.o.o.	SKA P	Poland
12	Vexed Generation Ltd	Vexed	UK
13	Xennia Technology Ltd	Xennia	UK
14	D'Appolonia SpA	D'App	Italy
15	Asociacion de Investigacion de la Industria Textil	Aitex	Spain
16	Wetenschappelijk en Technisch Centrum van de Belgische Textielnijverheid	Centexbel	Belgium
17	Heriot-Watt University	HWU	UK
18	Hogeschool Gent	CTO-TO2C	Belgium
19	Institute of Applied Optics	INOS	Poland
20	Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research	TNO	Netherlands
21	Politechnika University	TUL	Poland
22	University of Manchester	UniMan	UK
23	University of Twente	UTwente	Netherlands
24	Lamberti SpA	Lamberti	Italy
25	Xaar PLC	Xaar	UK
26	Saxion	Saxion	Netherlands