



## Ten Cate Advanced Textiles wins 'Ei van Columbus'-award



**Ten Cate Advanced Textiles' digital finishing technique has won the 'Ei van Columbus'-award. This prize is an initiative of eight Dutch ministries. The prize is awarded bi-annually to the innovation which contributes most to sustainable development.**

Ten Cate won the award in the category 'Sustainable Production technology'. The jury awarded the prize to digital finishing 'because this can mean a breakthrough for a traditional sector'. Furthermore, great environmental advantages can be realized.

The technology had been entered by Ten Cate Advanced Textiles and Color Wings. The latter uses the technology for digital printing. Ten Cate have further developed the technology for the finishing of textiles (adding functionalities to fabrics).

The innovation award has existed, in different forms, since 1987. Eight Dutch ministries have joint forces this year to make the award a stimulus for companies to keep working on innovation and sustainability. Out of the 345 entries, six category winners were chosen.



('Ei van Columbus' is a Dutch expression for an idea or invention which seems very logical once someone has thought of it)