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TenCate Geosynthetics wins IFAI 2009 International Achievement Award

TenCate Geosynthetics North America is recognized with two 2009 International Achievement Awards (IAA) presented by the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) for its exceptional specialty fabric projects.

TenCate received an Outstanding Achievement Award for its Disposal of Coal Mine Slurry Waste Using Geotextile Containers project and one for its Eganville Waste Water Treatment Plant Dewatering project. These projects were recognized in the competition's 'geosynthetics' category.

The award ceremony took place at IFAI Expo 2009 at the San Diego Convention Center, where the annual trade event ran from September 23-25. IFAI Expo is the largest specialty fabrics trade show in the Americas. "We are honored that IFAI has recognized the value that TenCate provides with its TenCate Geotube® dewatering technology to the Mining and Municipal Markets and are confident that these prestigious awards will convince companies in all markets to evaluate our dewatering system and all that it delivers", says Mark Gunzenhauser, Vice President of Sales for TenCate Geosystems™ at TenCate Geosynthetics North America.

Selected from 416 entries in 17 different countries, these winners represent many of today's top professionals in the specialty fabrics industry. Entries in 28 categories were judged by a diverse panel of industry experts, editors, architects, educators and design professionals selected for their knowledge of the particular category of competition. Judging was based on complexity, design, workmanship, uniqueness and function.

**TenCate Geosynthetics North America
Pendergrass, Georgia, USA, Tuesday 13 October 2009**

For further information:

For more information on the annual International Achievement Awards competition, e-mail awards@ifai.com, or visit www.ifai.com

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TenCate Geosynthetics develops and produces synthetics fabrics, non-wovens and grids, and designs solutions and systems for infrastructure and civil engineering. TenCate Geosynthetics has plants in Europe, North America and Asia.

Royal Ten Cate (TenCate) is a multinational company which combines textile technology with related chemical processes and material technology in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. Products of TenCate are sold worldwide.

Systems and materials from TenCate come under four areas of application: safety & protection, space & aerospace, infrastructure & the environment, and sport & recreation. TenCate occupies leading positions in protective fabrics, composites for space and aerospace, antiballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on the NYSE Euronext (AMX).