

## Press release

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### **TenCate Defender™ M is included in extensive Multi Cam® user trial by Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan**

**TenCate Protective Fabrics USA has supplied TenCate Defender™ M inherently Flame Resistant fabric for use in an extensive user trial for Australian Defence Force currently in action in Afghanistan. The uniforms for the Australian soldiers involved were manufactured by Crye Precision™ in Brooklyn (New York, USA) and printed with the Multi Cam® pattern. Select members of the Australian Defence Force serving “outside the wire” in Afghanistan will be issued garments made with TenCate Defender™ M.**

The combination of the technical textiles expertise of TenCate and the innovative apparel design of Crye Precision™ ensures that Australian forces will receive the best protection and maximum comfort. TenCate Defender™ M is currently worn by every United States deployed ground troop in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

#### **Protection, durability and comfort**

TenCate Protective Fabrics and its supply chain partners fully manufactured fabric for this program while the uniforms are being supplied by Crye Precision™. The Flame Resistant fabric selected for the uniforms is TenCate Defender™ M in 6.2 ounce rip stop. According to Chris Corner, Director of Market Innovation and Business Development for TenCate Defense & Tactical in the USA comments: “TenCate Protective Fabrics is proud the Australian Soldiers are evaluating our fabric as part of the Multi Cam® user trial. The TenCate Defender™ M product portfolio was designed to provide the best combination of protection, durability and comfort. We are honored by the opportunity to provide our materials for this new program”.

#### **Repeatedly chosen**

Since 2007, TenCate Defender™ M fabrics have repeatedly been chosen by the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps for ground troops in the Flame Resistant Army Combat Uniform (FR-ACU) and Marine Corp’s Flame Resistant Organizational Gear (FROG) programs. TenCate Defender™ M fabrics are made from a unique fiber blend that includes Lenzing FR® Rayon. As the leader in inherently Flame Resistant materials, TenCate Protective Fabrics also provides fabrics used in other American programs such as Inclement Weather Combat Shirt (IWCS), Army Aircrew Combat Uniforms (A2CU), Improved Combat Vehicle Coveralls (ICVC), Navy Shipboard Jackets, Army Flash Hoods and several others. TenCate Defender™ M is also

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delivered to the Norwegian Navy and to the Soldier of the Future program of the Italian Army.

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**TenCate Protective Fabrics** is a world leader in the design, development, production and commercialization of protective and safety fabrics for industry, services, firefighting and defense. TenCate Protective Fabrics has establishments in North America, Europe, South America and Asia.

TenCate Protective Fabrics Americas is based in Union City, Georgia, United States of America. TenCate USA employs over 1,400 in the United States.

**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).

