

## Press release

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### TenCate Grass expands worldwide texturizing production capacity

**TenCate Grass has significantly expanded its texturizing capacity in the United States and in Europe. The start-up of the state-of-the-art equipment will enable TenCate Grass to meet the high demand for texturized yarns for sports and landscaping turf.**

The texturizing process creates natural curled fibers, which are mainly used in sport pitches with an extremely flat and smooth surface (field hockey, golf etc.) and as 'root zone' for some landscaping products. For landscaping applications it creates a natural appearance.

Guido Vliegen, global group director TenCate Grass comments: 'Since the installation of our first texturizing equipment just over two years ago, TenCate Grass has set the standard with its high quality, creating a fast growing demand for its texturized grass yarns. As a result, demand for these products has greatly outpaced capacity during 2010. With the new expansion, TenCate Grass again will be able to meet demand, and service the European and American markets adequately'.

#### **Sales growth of specialty fibers**

Apart from texturized fibers TenCate Grass experienced growth in all other specialty products, like TenCate XP Blade™. TenCate Grass has already increased its capacity for such products early this year. In 2010, the organic sales growth of the TenCate Grass group was more than 10%.

#### **Value chain management**

TenCate synthetic turf components are supplied worldwide to many prominent suppliers and producers of synthetic turf systems. Cooperation within the value chain leads to greater quality control by all the parties involved in the development process, resulting in integral quality assurance. This is fully in line with the system approach advocated by TenCate. TenCate Grass thus gives a general impetus to further improvements in the playing characteristics and durability of synthetic turf systems.

#### **TenCate Grass**

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**TenCate Grass** develops and produces synthetic turf components and designs systems for top-flight sport, recreation and landscape applications. Together with its partners, TenCate Grass strives to achieve a system approach. This gives users confidence in playing characteristics and lifespan. TenCate Grass has production facilities in Europe, the Middle East and North America.

**Royal Ten Cate** (TenCate) is a multinational company that combines textile technology with chemical processes and material technology in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. TenCate products are sold throughout the world.

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