

## Press release

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### **TenCate Grass expands production capacity of TenCate XP Blade™ for sustainable synthetic turf**

**TenCate Grass has substantially expanded the production capacity of its most sustainable synthetic turf product, TenCate XP Blade™. The start-up of an additional production line in Dayton (Tennessee, US) will enable TenCate Grass to meet the sharp increase in global demand for these wear-resistant synthetic turf fibres.**

As a result of the strong, structural growing demand for TenCate XP Blade™, existing capacity has already been fully utilized for a considerable time, with delivery times falling well behind schedule. The expansion in capacity for these wear-resistant fibres will ensure that this steadily increasing demand is met.

#### **Warranty on wear resistance**

Synthetic turf is often subjected to extremely intensive use, and wear resistance is therefore a key factor here. TenCate XP Blade™ is manufactured in accordance with a unique process developed by TenCate, which produces fibres that are considerably more wear resistant than other processes. TenCate Grass – as the only supplier worldwide – offers an optional five-year warranty on the wear resistance of TenCate XP Blade™, regardless of the number of hours of use.

#### **Proven track record**

TenCate XP Blade™ synthetic turf fibre has been used for many years on thousands of sports pitches and playing surfaces that are subject to frequent and intensive play. Guido Vliegen, Director of TenCate Grass, explains: 'TenCate XP Blade™ synthetic turf has been installed all over the world in the past eight years. In North and South America, Europe, Japan and Australia TenCate XP Blade™ satisfies the highest requirements relating to wear resistance and thus has a proven track record.'

#### **Value chain management**

TenCate XP Blade™ is supplied worldwide by TenCate Grass to numerous prominent manufacturers of synthetic turf carpets, including AstroTurf, Edel Grass, GreenFields, Limonta, Sumitomo and TigerTurf. Collaboration within the value chain leads to greater control of the entire process, resulting in maximum quality assurance. TenCate Grass is thus giving a general boost to improving the playing characteristics and sustainability of synthetic turf sports pitches.

**TenCate Grass**  
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**For further information:**

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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).