

Press release

TenCate Geosynthetics appoints new managing director Europe

TenCate Geosynthetics has appointed Paul Firrell (44) as new managing director Europe, effective January 1, 2011.

Mr Firrell has vast experience in the geosynthetics industry, including 18 years with GSE Lining Technology Inc., manufacturer of geosynthetic liners and related products and services. Here he was Managing Director of the company's EMEA and Russian operations and also held the role of Group Chief Operating Officer of the global business.

**TenCate Geosynthetics
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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.

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