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TenCate Protective Fabrics Americas appoints new General Manager for Canadian commercial operations

TenCate Protective Fabrics Americas, the market leader in the development, production and commercialization of Protective Fabrics for the Fire Service, Industrial and Defense industry, has announced the appointment of Mr. Sirio De Luca (50) as General Manager of the newly created Canadian commercial operation of TenCate Protective Fabrics Americas, effective May, 2011.

In his role Mr. De Luca will lead the integration process after completing the recently announced Difco-transaction. As a result TenCate will formally start operations in Canada. Mr. De Luca will be responsible for all aspects of the Canadian commercial operation ensuring TenCate Protective Fabrics is well positioned to anticipate and meet the dynamic needs of its customers. In his capacity he will report to Mr. Daniel Hauert, Managing Director of TenCate Protective Fabrics Americas.

Mr. De Luca has extensive experience in the protective fabrics industry. He has over 25 years of strategic, operational, and general management experience with leading Canadian textile corporations including serving as President and CEO of these companies.

**TenCate Protective Fabrics Americas
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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.

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).