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TenCate opens new production facility in France for lightweight armour systems for aerospace applications

TenCate Advanced Armour EMEA opens its new facility in Primarette, France, for the production of lightweight armour systems for aerospace applications on Thursday 3 November 2011. The facility has obtained the Aerospace Quality Certification EN9100:2009, AS9100, JIS Q 9100:2009.

After signing a first major contract for aerospace armour solutions in December 2009, TenCate Advanced Armour started a design and qualification process for lightweight armour systems for several aircraft platforms. The extensive design and qualification process was finalised in 12 months, where parts of the systems have been tested against the highest quality requirements as well as environmental and mechanical requirements.

Aerospace standards production facility

TenCate Advanced Armour has now finalised a dedicated aircraft armour facility of 1600 square meters in Primarette. In this facility, aircraft protection is produced according to strict aerospace standards. The facility has obtained the Aerospace Quality Certification EN9100:2009, AS9100, JIS Q 9100:2009. The aircraft protection design, development, qualification, production, after service and support are integrated at the site and are being handled by a dedicated program office of TenCate Advanced Armour.

Lightweight armour protection system

Steen Tanderup, Managing Director of TenCate Advanced Armour comments: 'We are very pleased with the commitment from our customers to have TenCate supply these lightweight protection kits for their aircraft. TenCate is committed to support our customers with these state of the art armour materials to protect all key areas and systems of their aircraft.' The TenCate lightweight armour protection system has been designed to meet the toughest requirements in every day usage.

TenCate Advanced Armour
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The armour protection systems are protected by classified patents. Due to the sensitivity of the information, no further details will be provided. No digital images available.

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TenCate Advanced Armour is a leading global supplier of a wide range of armour composite materials for ballistic protection. TenCate Advanced Armour develops and produces a portfolio of composite and ceramic materials and designs (active) armour solutions for the protection of police, army, air force, navy and civilian service personnel, vehicles and vessels. TenCate Advanced Armour has plants in Europe and North America.

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).