

## Press release

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### TenCate and PROOF Research announce exclusive partnership agreement

**TenCate Advanced Composites, a leading supplier of advanced thermoset and thermoplastic composites materials, and Performance Polymer Solutions Inc. announce that they have entered into an exclusive partnership to jointly develop, market and offer high temperature prepreg materials to the aerospace industry. The materials will be produced at the production facilities of TenCate in Morgan Hill, California, USA, and will be formulated with the line of innovative, high temperature resin systems of Performance Polymer Solutions Inc., based in Columbia Falls, Montana, USA.**

Performance Polymer Solutions (P<sup>2</sup>SI®), owned by PROOF Research™, is a leading developer and supplier of high temperature resin systems for aerospace and defense use. P<sup>2</sup>SI®'s leading product, AFRPE™-4, is used by TenCate to make prepreg materials for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. P<sup>2</sup>SI® is globally known as a leader in high temperature chemistry with fundamental capability in resin development technologies. In 2013, P<sup>2</sup>SI® was acquired by PROOF Research™.

Joe Morris, President of TenCate Advanced Composites in the USA states: "This is a natural partnership which allows TenCate to expand our offering of high temperature composite solutions for the aerospace, space and satellite markets, and builds upon our collaborative, multi-year relationship with P<sup>2</sup>SI®. In addition to the current F-35 platform that we support with P<sup>2</sup>SI® resin systems, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to expand the use of P<sup>2</sup>SI® resin technology into other high temperature aerospace applications."

Pat Rainey, CEO of PROOF Research™ states: "TenCate is the ideal partner for PROOF Research™ to offer our P<sup>2</sup>SI® resins to the aerospace market. TenCate has a history of providing highly specialized, high temperature composite materials to the most demanding applications, and provides a channel to drive the use of P<sup>2</sup>SI®'s resin systems into new military, space and aero engine markets. We are excited about the opportunities that TenCate brings to the PROOF Research family."

**TenCate Advanced Composites  
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**TenCate Advanced Composites** is a leading prepreg manufacturer of thermoset and thermoplastic composites materials serving the aircraft, satellite and industrial markets. TenCate Advanced Composites has facilities in Europe and North America and representation in Asia.

**Royal Ten Cate** (TenCate) is a multi-national company that combines material technology with related chemical processes 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, anti-ballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on the NYSE Euronext (AMX).

**PROOF Research™** is a science-based company that has brought together the finest minds, experience and innovations in the firearms industry to produce a truly game changing product—carbon fiber barrels and complete rifle systems that are lighter, more durable, and more accurate than anything else on the market.