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TenCate provides SpaceX with advanced composites for Falcon 9 rocket

TenCate Advanced Composites congratulates SpaceX on the recent successful launch of the upgraded version of the Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in the USA. TenCate Advanced Composites in Morgan Hill (California), USA, provided SpaceX with a wide range of advanced composite materials, including high temperature prepregs for spacecraft structures to bulk molding compounds used in compression molded components.

This launch represented the maiden trip of an upgraded version of the Falcon 9 rocket with stretched fuel tanks, more powerful engines and a 5.2-meter payload fairing to enshroud satellites. Joe Morris, President of TenCate Advanced Composites, states: "SpaceX continues to set the bar higher and higher. They truly demonstrate the power of innovation and teamwork. We are proud and honored to be able to support SpaceX on all of their key platforms with our advanced composite materials."

Falcon 9 is a two-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX for the safe and reliable transport of satellites and the Dragon spacecraft into orbit. Falcon 9 made history in 2012 when Dragon rendezvoused with the International Space Station. SpaceX is the first commercial company ever to visit the space station and has made a total of three flights delivering and returning cargo for NASA.

TenCate Advanced Composites is a leader in the supply of advanced composites for space, satellite, military and commercial aerospace applications.

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Note for the editor:

More information and digital pictures at: www.spacex.com

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TenCate Advanced Composites is a leader in the development and production of thermoplastic and thermoset prepreg composites for various industries. Its product portfolio is incorporated into automotive products, medical equipment and numerous other applications. TenCate Advanced Composites has production facilities and operations in North America, Europe and Asia.

Royal Ten Cate (TenCate) is a multinational company that combines textile technology with related chemical processes and material technology in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. TenCate products 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).