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TenCate Protective Fabrics receives multimillion dollar orders from US Military

Following earlier multimillion dollar orders at the end of 2006 TenCate Protective Fabrics USA received further substantial orders for flame-resistant camouflage printed fabric. Besides that TenCate developed a completely new material named Defender™M for the US Military. This material is used for the new fire retarding combat garment. The amount of the two orders is approximately US\$ 54 – 64M, depending on the exact requirements of the US Military.

Order for patented flame-resistant camouflage printed fabrics (GEN 2) (US\$ 20 – 30M)

The US military will use these materials to protect personnel in aircraft and armored vehicles against fire hazards. TenCate Protective Fabrics owns patents for the production of these safety fabrics that combine safety and comfort.

Order for newly developed patented flame retarding combat garments (Defender™M) (US\$ 34M)

Defender™M, a newly developed TenCate patented FR fabric, is selected by the US Military to outfit combat soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Defender™M was specifically designed to provide comfort, durability and outstanding burn protection at a significantly lower cost than existing FR fabric options. Since combat soldiers currently do not wear FR garments, the military market for FR fabrics is expected to increase substantially.

The US Military has requested TenCate to produce in excess of US \$34M of Defender™M fabric over the next 12 months. It is expected that approximately US \$17M will be delivered in 2007. In order to speed up delivery, Defender™M fabric will initially be produced by third party manufacturers.

TenCate feels confident that with the receipt of these new orders it has strengthened its position in the military market.

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