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TenCate secures Italian order for TenCate Defender™ M fabric

TenCate Protective Fabrics EMEA has secured an initial order from the Italian manufacturer Aero Sekur S.p.A (Aprilia, Italy) for the delivery of inherently fire-resistant TenCate Defender™ M fabric to the Italian 'Soldier of the Future' programme (Forza Nec). The aim of this programme is to modernize the equipment of the Italian infantry.

This contract from Italy is the result of intensive collaboration within European frameworks. TenCate Defender™ M fabric was selected for optimizing the Battle Dress Uniform of the Italian infantry. Aero Sekur is also responsible for developing the CBRN equipment and the over-garments in the programme. The total 'Forza Nec' programme includes a wide range of protective equipment, for which TenCate will now supply the fabric for the battle dress uniforms for the first 600 or more soldiers.

Versatile

Ramon Overdijk, Marketing & Sales Director at TenCate Protective Fabrics EMEA, explains: "Fire-resistant TenCate Defender™ M proved to be the decisive factor during the wide-ranging selection by the Italian Ministry of Defence of a fabric that is both fire-resistant and comfortable, so lightweight. TenCate is able to provide the fabric in a variety of camouflage patterns or supply it in several solid colours. This makes the fabric versatile in its use for the protection of several branches of the armed forces, such as the army, special units, air force and navy."

Breathable and comfortable

TenCate and fibre producer Lenzing from Austria have combined their knowledge of the development and production of fire-resistant fabrics based on fibres that are inherently fire-resistant and comfortable to wear. Lenzing FR® fibre is a key ingredient of TenCate Defender™ M fabrics. Ramon Overdijk adds: "Unlike other fire-resistant fibres, this fibre offers inherently fire-resistant properties, while also being able to absorb moisture. This combination makes the fabric breathable and comfortable."

Standard fabric

In the United States TenCate Defender™ M fabrics have been selected as the standard fabric for the fire-resistant battle dress uniforms that are worn by the US Army and the US Marine Corps. Outside the US, TenCate Protective Fabrics supplies this inherently fire-resistant fabric to a number of countries, including the

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Norwegian Army. In addition to its military applications, TenCate Defender™ M is also supplied for special squads of the police.

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TenCate Protective Fabrics develops and produces protective and safety fabrics for industry, services, firefighters and defence. TenCate Protective Fabrics has production facilities in Europe, Asia 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).