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TenCate to launch new cost effective lightweight composite armour at Eurosatory 2008

On Tuesday 17 June 2008 at the Eurosatory international defence exhibition in Paris TenCate will present a new armour product. This lightweight composite vehicle armour is designed to withstand armour piercing ammunition while minimising added weight.

The balance between protection and mobility is a key factor in light vehicle design, both for military and civilian applications. This demands the lowest possible weight of armour plus the highest possible level of protection. TenCate's new composite application is designed to defeat 7.62 mm armour piercing projectiles, but weighs less than 40 kg/m² making it considerably lighter than other products. This enables vehicle manufacturers to boost protection with no concessions to mobility. TenCate aims for a system approach by collaborating with vehicle manufacturers to realise an optimal configuration of protection for passengers and vehicles.

The new armour will ensure protection for military and commercial vehicles against the latest threat requirements. This includes conventional projectiles and more complex threats from Explosively Formed Projectiles (EFP) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). Excellent properties qualify the material for a wide range of current and future military projects and requirements. Meanwhile, the new armour also provides cost effective solutions.

TenCate Advanced Armour is a part of the TenCate Armour Composites Group and is a leading supplier of a wide range of products for personal and vehicle protection. With development of the new armour application TenCate has a unique product in the marketplace – further leveraging its competitive edge.

TenCate Advanced Armour is present at Eurosatory in Paris on stand No. E075c from Monday 16 to Friday 20 June 2008.

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TenCate is a multinational company which combines textile technology and chemical processes in developing and manufacturing specialist materials. TenCate's materials can be divided into four areas of application: safety & protection, space & aerospace, sport & leisure and environment & infrastructure. TenCate has leading positions in protective fabrics, space and aerospace composites, armour composites, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. TenCate is listed on NYSE Euronext. For more information: www.tencate.com

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