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## **JOINT PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CFIUS AND DDTC OFFER CONDITIONS SATISFIED**

TenCate and the Offeror today jointly announce that the Offeror has received notice from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("**CFIUS**"), in which CFIUS confirmed that there are no unresolved national security concerns regarding the Offer. This means that Offer Condition 3.9(c) (*Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States*) included in the Offer Memorandum is satisfied.

Also, a period of 60 calendar days has elapsed following notice under Section 122.4(b) of the U.S. International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("**ITAR**") to the U.S. Department of State ("**DDTC**") of the Offer pursuant to ITAR. This means that Offer Condition 3.9(d) (*DDTC*) included in the Offer Memorandum is satisfied.

As mentioned in the joint press release of 21 October 2015, the Offeror has already obtained all applicable merger clearances in connection with the Offer.

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#### **About TenCate**

TenCate is a multinational company which combines materials technology and chemical processes in the development and production of functional materials with distinctive characteristics. TenCate products are developed, manufactured and sold around the world. Systems and materials from TenCate come in four areas of application: safety & protection, space & aerospace; infrastructure & environment; sports & recreation. TenCate occupies leading positions in protective fabrics, composites for space and aerospace, antiballistics, geosynthetics and synthetic turf. For more information, visit [www.tencate.com](http://www.tencate.com).

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**Offer Memorandum, Position Statement and further information**

The Offeror is making the Offer on the terms and subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in the Offer Memorandum, which is available on [www.tencate.com](http://www.tencate.com). In addition, TenCate has made available the Position Statement, containing the information required by Article 18, paragraph 2 and Annex G of the Takeover Decree in connection with the Offer.

Digital copies of the Offer Memorandum are available on the websites of TenCate ([www.tencate.com](http://www.tencate.com)). TenCate's website does not constitute a part of, and is not incorporated by reference into, the Offer Memorandum. Digital copies of the Position Statement are available on the website of TenCate ([www.tencate.com](http://www.tencate.com)).