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## EANS-News: Lenzing AG / Lenzing Will Continue to Supply Flame-Resistant Fibers to the U.S. Army

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Lenzing (euro adhoc) - U.S. President Obama signs permanent import approval

The Lenzing Group will continue to supply flame-resistant specialty fibers for a new generation of U.S. Army combat uniforms. The signature of U.S. President Obama on December 31, 2011 formally approving the National Defense Authorization Act enables the delivery of "TenCate DefenderM" uniform fabrics for an unlimited period of time ("permanent waiver"). The key component included in this fabric is the heat protection fiber Lenzing FR® of the Austrian Lenzing Group. In principle, only clothing products "Made in USA" are allowed for the U.S. Army. Up until now, textiles made from Lenzing fibers were supplied on the basis of a limited exemption granted in the year 2008.

Lenzing exports flame-resistant fibers from Austria to its American cooperation partner TenCate Protective Fabrics (TenCate). The company is the leading manufacturer of flame-resistant fabrics for the U.S. Armed Forces. The President's signature approving the waiver now allows Lenzing to make the required volumes of the specialty fiber Lenzing FR® available to the U.S. Army without restrictions in the future.

Lenzing FR® advantages

The uniform fabric DefenderM meets the enhanced need of U.S. soldiers for flame and fire protection related to the rise in attacks using unconventional explosive and burning devices. In contrast to other fibers, Lenzing FR® not only offers the stipulated flame and heat protection properties, but comfort and good breathability and last but not least the fast and reliable delivery capability of sufficient quantities on an industrial scale. The close cooperation of TenCate and Lenzing combines excellence in the fabric development and production of flame-resistant fibers.

TenCate DefenderM fabric with Lenzing FR® fiber offers superior protection and the high wearing comfort of conventional non-protective fabrics.

In August 2007 TenCate was officially commended by the United States Marine Corps for superior excellence in delivering an outstanding level of quality in its products and services in response to the demands of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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