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Composites One Opens New Facility in Central Florida

*One of the largest, most sophisticated
distribution centers in the composites industry*

Arlington Heights, IL, April 20, 2004.... Composites One has officially opened the doors to its latest and most sophisticated distribution center serving the composites industry. Located in Lakeland, Florida, the new 75,000 square foot facility replaces the existing Lakeland facility and is significantly larger. This distribution center is designed with advanced communications and information systems, logistics flexibility, a variety of value-added service capabilities, and room for future expansion.

Composites One and its predecessor companies have been serving the Central Florida composites market since 1978, initially from Orlando, then from Lakeland beginning in 1987. The company moved and expanded several times growing with the customer base before ground was broken for the new facility last September. "Lakeland is very important to us," said Composites One CEO Steve Dehmlow. "The location is very accessible for our customers and suppliers, especially those in the marine market. Our new facility offers the same accessibility, plus design features that enable us to operate more efficiently and provide an expanded range of services," he added.

The second largest of Composites One's 31 distribution centers, Lakeland is one of the most advanced facilities of its kind. The entire plant was designed with state-of-the-art data and voice relays, making information instantly accessible in any area at any time. The building also houses regulatory compliant resin storage areas, drumming and toting areas.

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Lakeland Distribution Center Manager Mike Lucas stated “The facility ships and receives multiple truckloads of composites raw materials each day. Having 12 shipping docks and expanded staging areas means we have the extra capacity to turnaround products faster, which benefits our customers as well as our suppliers.” Lakeland also serves as headquarters for Composites One’s rapidly expanding Kit Concepts operation, a service that provides composites manufacturers with pre-packaged fiberglass products cut to fabricator specifications using automated cutting and computer-aided nesting equipment. “We now have room to grow this value-added service which reduces waste and increases efficiencies for our customers as well as other services provided out of this facility,” Lucas added.

The new location in Lakeland also provides room for growth. Enough space is available on-site for the building to be expanded by 25,000 square feet to meet future needs.

Composites One’s new facility is located at 4775 Gateland Drive in Lakeland, Florida. For more information on the new facility, please call 800-344-0656.

Composites One is the nation's leading distributor of composite materials, serving customers from 31 stocking locations in North America. They offer composites fabricators and molders over 1000 different products from over 200 of the industry's top suppliers through a technical sales and customer service force that is the most knowledgeable in the industry. The company also provides a variety of value-added services that include customized logistics services, technical applications reviews, closed mold technology and unmatched regulatory compliance assistance.

Composites One is headquartered in Arlington Heights, IL. For more information, visit www.compositesone.com or call 800-621-8003.

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