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Composites One Demonstrations Prove There is Power in Closed Molding **More than 500 People Watch as Large Parts are Built Using Closed Mold Processes**

Arlington Heights, IL, November 13, 2006...Over 500 manufacturers watched as Composites One built several large parts including a Fan Shroud, a 16-foot Knockabout Sailboat, and a 15-foot Skiff Hull using closed mold processes at both Composites 2006 in St. Louis and IBEX 2006 in Miami this past month.

Composites One's team of technical experts, including Andre Cocquyt of GRP Guru and Doug Smith of RTM North, used Light Resin Transfer Molding (LRTM), Vacuum Infusion (VIP) and Closed Cavity Bag Molding (CCBM) to build the parts. At Composites 2006 they successfully built a 16-foot knockabout deck using LRTM and a large Fan Shroud using CCBM. While at IBEX, an entire 16-foot Knockabout was built using LRTM and a 15-foot Skiff Hull was produced using VIP.

"We want to continue to show manufacturers that closed mold processes can be used to make large parts," said Composites One President and Chief Operating Officer Leon Garoufalis. "Additionally, we wanted to show that closed mold can bring other benefits to any manufacturing facility, including a cleaner environment, a better bottom line, and better employee retention. Manufacturers attending the demonstration saw how to use these processes for making large-scale parts, resulting in less waste and fewer emissions than by using traditional open mold processes," he added.

These daily closed mold presentations provided a unique learning experience for attendees. In addition to viewing a live demonstration, they were able to hear industry experts answer questions, explain the process and

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discuss the equipment and materials involved. They were also able to see the finished parts up close. In addition, at IBEX, manufacturers were treated to a special presentation of the economics of converting to closed mold.

The Composites One demonstrations were a joint effort with major suppliers, industry experts and organizations, including Alcan Baltek, Arkema, Cook Composites & Polymers, Chemtrend, Chomarat, Glascraft, Owens Corning, ITW Plexus, MVP, and Vectorply. *Composites Technology* and *Composites Manufacturing* magazines were the official media sponsors of Composites 2006 and IBEX 2006, respectively.

“Without the support of our suppliers and sponsors, live demonstrations of this magnitude would have been very difficult to accomplish,” added Garoufalidis. “They are an important part of our closed mold team.”

Composites One is the nation's leading distributor of composite materials serving customers from 32 stocking locations in North America. Composites One offers composites fabricators and molders thousands of 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 offers a variety of value added services that include closed mold technologies, technical applications reviews, and unmatched regulatory compliance assistance.

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