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News release

Composites One Presents the Only Working Closed Mold Shop at IBEX 2007

See Closed Mold Production – Right Before Your Eyes

Arlington Heights, IL, July 30, 2007...For the first time at IBEX, boatbuilders will be able to see the benefits of closed mold processes – right before their eyes – at live, interactive demonstrations led by Composites One, October 10-12 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

All events will take place in the outdoor exhibit area, where Composites One will set up a working closed mold shop at IBEX, including production lines, tool shop, gel coat booth, manifold system, pumps and more. Simulating a closed mold shop, it will feature ongoing demonstrations of three closed mold technologies – Light Resin Transfer Molding (Light RTM), the Vacuum Infusion Process (VIP) and Closed Cavity Bag Molding (CCBM). In addition to the live demonstrations there will be educational sessions where attendees can learn more advanced closed mold techniques including troubleshooting, kit cutting and tips on setting up their own closed mold shop.

“This is an important next step in the advancement of closed mold,” said Composites One President and Chief Operating Officer Leon Garoufalis. “We believe that tomorrow’s closed mold shop can utilize all three of these processes. It’s critical that our customers learn about various processes so they can make a seamless transition from research and development to actual in-shop production.”

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At the event, attendees will be able to watch as finished parts come off assembly lines using LRTM and CCBM and better understand the efficiencies and benefits of each process. The VIP work cell will focus on the infusion of a 15-foot skiff hull each day. CCBM, a technology ideal for limited production runs of small to medium parts, will be used for producing hatch covers. During the session, attendees also can learn how to build their own CCBM vacuum bag in Composites One's on-site tool shop

Attendees have the chance to experience the efficiencies of high-volume closed mold production first-hand at the LRTM demo, where the team will produce two-foot catamaran assemblies for 6 hours daily. Projections call for finished assemblies to roll off the line every 20-30 minutes.

Throughout the event, industry experts will be on hand to answer attendees' questions, explain aspects of each process, discuss equipment and materials, and display finished parts built through closed mold. Daily drawings will also be held for the smaller finished parts.

Sessions and their starting times are as follows:

- 10 am – 4 pm Production Lines in Operation
- 11 am – 11: 45 am CCBM Technical Session
- 12 pm – 12: 45 pm LRTM Technical Session
- 1 pm – 1: 45 pm Setting up Your Closed Mold shop (Wed and Thurs only)
- 2 pm – 2: 45 pm VIP Technical Session and Skiff Infusion (1 pm on Firday)

"This event is an opportunity to share best practices in well-run closed mold shops with our customers," said Garoufalis. "Manufacturers will be able to see for themselves how they can use closed mold to make a wide variety of parts in less time, with less waste and fewer emissions than by using traditional open mold processes. What's more, they will also see the improvements that closed molding can offer their business."

The live, three-day closed mold event is the culmination of a joint effort between Composites One's Closed Mold University and its partners: 3M, Airtech Advanced Materials Group, Alcan Composites (Airex, Baltek and Lantor brands), Arctek Inc., Arkema, Cook Composites & Polymers, Chemtrend, Chomarat, Dynabrade, Glascraft, ITW Plexus, Owens Corning, Progress Plastiques, RTM North, and Vectorply. *Composites Manufacturing* is the official media sponsor of the event.

"Without their support, a live demonstration of this magnitude would be very difficult to accomplish," said Greg Shymske, Vice President of Marketing.

For more information about the demo, please visit Composites One Booth #2029 at IBEX 2007, visit www.compositesone.com or call Composites One at 800-621-8003.

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