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### **More Than 50 Attendees Participate in Closed Mold Alliance Educational Program** *Closed Mold University Offers CM201 Advanced Closed Mold Training to Those Considering Switch to Closed Mold Processes*

**Arlington Heights, IL, March 13, 2009...**Composites One announced that they and the Closed Mold Alliance successfully launched the Closed Mold University educational program. CM201 Advanced Closed Mold Training was offered by the Closed Mold Alliance and Composites One in cooperation with CCP in early March at CCP's Kansas City Tech Center. More than 50 participants attended the class which offered advanced technical education and training in closed mold processes such as Closed Cavity Bag Molding (CCBM), Light Resin Transfer Molding (LRTM) and Vacuum Infusion (VIP).

Manufacturers attending CM201 participated in topics that included the principles of open mold vs. closed mold, advanced vacuum infusion techniques, CCBM spray bag processes, flange detail, LRTM tooling and waxing techniques, as well as the latest information concerning equipment and systems. They were also able to participate in some live demonstrations of the three closed mold processes featured.

"By offering the right education to manufacturers who are considering a switch to closed molding, the Closed Mold Alliance is bringing an important element to the decision making process," said Greg Shymske, Vice President of Marketing for Composites One. "The Alliance will continue to provide these types of opportunities to manufacturers thinking about closed mold as part of their business planning process."

"The CM201 course offered something for both experienced closed molders and those still considering the process," said Ashley Duncan, Central Region Technical Support Manager. "By featuring the latest products, advanced techniques in closed mold, and lean manufacturing principles, those in attendance learned ways to optimize their production whether in an existing closed mold facility or one still in development."

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Closed Mold University and the Closed Mold Alliance rely on industry suppliers to help support events like CM201 with their products and expertise. CCP agreed to combine their CCP-U advanced closed mold educational offering with the CM201 offering being presented by the Closed Mold Alliance. CCP also hosted the Closed Mold Alliance program at their state-of-the-art tech center in Kansas City, MO, allowing use of top line equipment and products during the two-day course.

Other Composites One suppliers also offered additional support of this event, including Airtech, Alcan Baltek, Chemtrend, Chomarat, MVP, and Vectorply. Composites One Kit Concepts was also present showcasing the advantages pre-cut kits can bring to a closed mold program. Each supplier also was given a table top display to allow CM201 attendees to ask questions and familiarize themselves with each product line.

The Closed Mold Alliance is comprised of four industry leaders: Composites One, providing raw materials and products from over 400 industry suppliers; Magnum Venus Plastech (MVP), the industry's leading meter/mix equipment manufacturer with specific expertise in closed mold processes; RTM North, North America's leading Light RTM tooling expert; and FormaShape, a division of Whitewater Composites, a showcase RTM volume production facility and light RTM tooling manufacturer who is an industry leader in both closed mold tooling and closed mold FRP production. This was the first such educational offering from the Closed Mold University program launched by the Alliance earlier this year.

Composites One is the nation's leading distributor of composite materials serving customers from 34 locations in North America. Composites One offers composites fabricators and molders thousands of products from over 400 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. For more information about Composites One or the Closed Mold Alliance and its partners, please visit Closed Mold U at [www.compositesone.com](http://www.compositesone.com) or call 800-621-8003 and ask to speak to a closed mold expert.

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