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COMPOSITE Recycling compliant with EU Legislation

EuCIA presents EU- financed Projects at COMPOSITE EUROPE

STUTTGART. During this year's Composites Europe Show which took place in Stuttgart (27- 29 October), the President of the European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA), Mr. Volker Fritz, introduced the visitors and participants to the fourth edition of this show. For three days, more than 300 exhibitors showcased technologies and products covering the entire value chain of fibre- reinforced plastics. With new themes, new special forums and a 15% increase in the number of exhibitors, the COMPOSITES EUROPE trade fair became even stronger year by year.

Mr. Fritz noted: "Looking back since COMPOSITES EUROPE took place for the very first time, we can all agree that this event went through an amazing development and today we are all witnessing a COMPOSITE success story. EuCIA has been a cooperation partner from the start, being one of the co-founders of COMPOSITES EUROPE.

Together with Reed Exhibitors and our media partner Reinforced Plastics, the trade fair is the Business Platform which provides access to alternative technologies and new materials". COMPOSITES Europe is the strongest element of EuCIA's 3 pillar strategy - GROW, KNOW, SHOW.

GROW – provision of supportive activities to grow the COMPOSITE market, KNOW – collection and sharing of knowledge and education to increase the internal performance of COMPOSITES, SHOW - active involvement and influence European legislation towards a smooth trading environment for the COMPOSITE industry.

Composites recycling are compliant with EU legislation

The composites industry carried out extensive studies to prove that composites are recyclable. Following the positive results of these studies and continuous consultations with EU institutions and industry stakeholders the industry considers thermoset composite parts as being recyclable and most important compliant with EU legislation.

A joint position paper was drafted by EuCIA together with the European Plastics Converters (EuPC) and the European Composite Recycling Service Company (ECRC) to further highlight this approach.

EuCIA and COMPOSITE EUROPE introduces EU – financed projects for sustainable composites

Within the KNOW strategy, EuCIA has sustained various efforts to contribute to the European research & development financed projects. These actions culminated with EuCIA being active partner in three EU – financed projects under the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/ 2007-2013).

Natex, BioStruct and Woody – these are the projects which EuCIA introduced for the first time during Composites Europe. NATEX (Natural Aligned Fibres and Textiles for Use in Structural Composites Applications), BioStruct (Advanced Wood- Based Composites and their Production and Woody (Innovative Advanced Wood – Based Composite Materials and Components). All three projects were presented for the first time to the public in the context of the bio-composites forum and are aiming toward the development of sustainable composites based on natural resources.



Together with other European partners, EuCIA's tasks in these projects are focused on dissemination, training and promotional activities. As the European association of the composites industry, we are best placed to initiate and work together in dissemination activities concerning projects' outcome , development of training activities and communicate to our industry latest products and processes " .

Fritz concluded: "EuCIA's activities are growing despite these difficult times. This positive outcome is mostly due to the hard work carried out by our members – National Associations and Sectorial Organisations – at national and local level with the support of the new General Manager Alisa De Backer.

Editor's note:

The European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA) is an umbrella organisation based in Brussels. Its main objective is the representation of the European National composite trade Associations as well as industry specific Sector Groups, such as those targeting end-segments like automotive or those promoting particular product groups or processes. Today EuCIA represents approx. 8.000 companies in 11 countries across Europe, active in the composite industry.

In 2007 EuCIA became a Sector Group of the European Plastic Converters (EuPC). Through its Members EuCIA is promoting a good trading environment in a continuously expanding European composites network. The mission, objectives and activities of EuCIA are best represented by three key words: **Know - Show - Grow - the World of Composites.**

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