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New Fasteners from Fulcrum outperform traditional composites

Midland, MI – March 14th 2006 - Fulcrum Composites Inc. is proud to announce that its composite threaded rod was selected by the readers and editors of Fastener Technology International Magazine as one of their Top Ten New Products of the Year for 2005.

Chris Edwards of Fulcrum Composites, Inc. comments : “Our focus always lies in the creation of new composite markets so it is particularly rewarding to receive this kind of accolade from such a respected publication which deals primarily with metal fasteners”

Fulcrum Threaded Rod offers low weight, excellent corrosion resistance, electrical insulation, electromagnetic transparency and low thermal conductivity. Typical applications include joints in composite structures in chemical plants, water treatment, air pollution control, radar and electronic towers, cryogenic equipment, marine, transportation and infrastructure.

Product is available directly from Fulcrum Composites, Inc. in North America and from Topglass SpA in Europe.

The threaded rod is produced in a proprietary process which combines sequential operations of thermoplastic pultrusion, extrusion, and molding/forming to optimize tensile strength, thread strength and torque resistance. The patent pending process does not involve cutting the fibers as in existing processes used for thermoset threaded rod. As a result the threads are significantly stronger and have better chemical resistance as the fiber ends are no longer exposed to chemical attack.

The threaded rod will be exhibited by Topglass on stand L24 at the JEC exhibition, Paris, France - March 28th – 30th 2006

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Background

Fulcrum Thermoplastic Composite Technology combines continuous reinforcement fibers with a thermoplastic matrix to produce high performance composite profiles with mechanical properties at least comparable to more established thermoset composites, but with additional benefits including:

- Ability to thermoform the final profile to incorporate shapes and bends beyond the original 2D profile
- Incorporation of extruded or over-molded surface layers with additional surface functionality including color, soft-touch, conductivity, texture and enhanced abrasion resistance
- Extreme toughness due to the high ductility of the thermoplastic matrix
- Capability to recycle both post-industrial and post-consumer products into high value applications
- Zero VOC emissions during manufacture

Fulcrum Composites Inc. was formed in 2004 as a spin-off from The Dow Chemical Company to accelerate the commercialization of Fulcrum Technology. Dow maintains a non-majority shareholding in the company.

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