**Increased TeXtreme® usage in Kitesurfing**

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North Kiteboarding has once again chosen to use TeXtreme® to reinforce their latest models of the high-performance Select and Team Series kite boards. TeXtreme® Spread Tow Fabrics have contributed in reducing weight, improving surface smoothness and enhancing stiffness of the boards.

*“The unique Spread Tow structure of the TeXtreme® carbon fabric results in benefits which no other carbon reinforcement can match. To meet our weight and stiffness requirements TeXtreme® was an obvious choice”*, says Jürgen May, Product Engineer at manufacturer Boards & More.

When developing a high-performance Kiteboard the technical demands are quite challenging, getting the rider preferences and high demands in balance with the manufacturing possibilities. From a manufacturing perspective, achieving the ideal balance lies in constructing a board that while being very responsive still retains control in all kinds of waters. This requirement places strong demands in terms of the carbon reinforcement to ensure that different levels of stiffness in different directions are provided.

To achieve the desired weight savings and required mechanical properties the best material proved to be an unbalanced TeXtreme® Spread Tow Fabric, which ensures extreme stiffness in one direction.

*“By having an unbalanced TeXtreme® fabric that is tailor-made for the Select and Team Series boards we obtained the best possible material that meets our requirements for taking the boards to the next level. The final objective as a manufacturer is always to ensure the ultimate ride for the user”,* concludes Mr. May.

International North Kiteboarding team rider Tom Court comments on some of the new features of the boards *“The best features about the new Team Series and Select board lines are that they are really light, strong and have a unique flex pattern that allows for great pop and comfortable riding”*.

**About Oxeon**

Founded 2003 in Sweden, Oxeon has quickly established itself as the market leader in Spread Tow Reinforcements. Use of these spread tow carbon reinforcements increases the mechanical performance of composite material products and reduces the weight. Utilization of Oxeon’s TeXtreme® Spread Tow Fabrics and TeXtreme® Spread Tow Tapes by manufacturers of advanced aerospace, automotive, industrial and sports products in applications that have critical material performance requirements has affirmed the significance of Oxeon’s ultra light materials.

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