**TeXtreme® developments showcased on Composites Europe**

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TeXtreme® Spread Tow Reinforcements are being used for three different projects that will be showcased at the upcoming Composites Europe, held 27-29 September in Stuttgart, Germany.

The partners in these projects have been working on producing ultra light composite parts by using new variants of TeXtreme® involving materials that have never been used in this manner. TeXtreme® Spread Tow Reinforcements are generally based on carbon fibers but developments are continuously made to enable a broader use within the composites industry to allow more applications to benefit from the weight savings and other advantages of TeXtreme®.

UK-based Composites Evolution who is working with Biotex natural yarns have supplied flax/PP tapes that has been woven into a fabric using Oxeon’s unique Tape Weaving Technology to create a new TeXtreme® Spread Tow Fabrics variant based on natural fibers. Brendon Weager, Technical Manager of Composites Evolution Ltd, comments: *“In this project we have developed a tape-woven fabric with excellent properties and that is environmentally sustainable”*.

The German-based research institute Fraunhofer-Institut für Chemische Technologie ICT has been leading a project to produce underbodies involving tape woven fabric from glass fiber pp tapes. The project partner Ticona has supplied the tapes from which a glass fiber pp TeXtreme® variant has been created utilizing the Tape Weaving Technology.

Manz Automation Tübingen GmbH from Germany is producing and developing machines for among others the composites industry and will at the Composites Europe showcase a tape laying machine using TeXtreme® Spread Tow carbon UD tapes supplied by Oxeon.

To see the projects at Composites Europe please visit:

Biotex (Composites Evolution Ltd), booth no: 4/A24.

Fraunhofer ICT, booth no: 4/D03

Manz Tübingen, booth no: 4/E69

**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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