

### 3A Composites CORE MATERIALS

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **3A Composites Core Materials receives ABS Certification for BALTEK® SB balsa core and locks in the U.S. Navy**

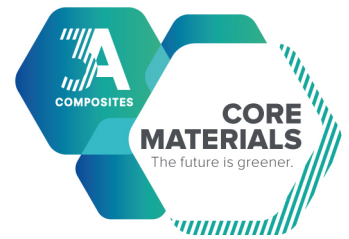
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3A Composites BALTEK® SB balsa core has continuously been ABS-approved for more than 20 years. Due to this fact, 3A Composites Core Materials was the only ABS-approved balsa wood core supplier in the mid-2000's when Northrop Grumman selected a core material supplier for the DDX (USS Zumwalt, DDG 1000) – an ABS-classed ship design and build for the U.S. Navy. BALTEK® SB balsa core is currently the only balsa core material approved for the U.S. Navy shipbuilding programs.

„BALTEK® SB embodies 3A Composites' spirit of creating sustainable core materials that help our customers to become greener and positively impact the environment. We are proud to be the only ABS-approved core materials supplier to the U.S. Navy since many years and looking forward to further increase our close cooperation as the U.S. Navy is moving into sustainability“, said **Eric Gauthier, President of Global Key Accounts of 3A Composites Core Materials.**

Sustainable innovation, high-quality, global reach, ensured availability and close collaboration with customers drive 3A Composites to its success of becoming the leading core materials manufacturer.



3A Composites will be present at the **CAMX 2018** Marine event and available for one-on-one meetings about strategies on utilizing our sustainable core materials and advanced composite solutions:

### **CAMX 2018**

15 October - 18 October 2018

Location: Dallas, Texas

Segment: Composites

Exhibitor: 3A Composites Core Materials

Stand: Z40

[www.thecamx.org](http://www.thecamx.org)

### **About BALTEK<sup>®</sup> SB balsa core**

BALTEK<sup>®</sup> SB is balsa wood from controlled cultivation cut perpendicular to the grain direction. Balsa is a universal core material due to excellent styrene and chemical resistance, as well as neutral behavior in terms of temperature fluctuations. Balsa can be processed with all known resin systems and processes and has excellent laminate adhesion properties. BALTEK<sup>®</sup> SB is an ideal, sustainable core material made from renewable resources with a very broad range of use.

For further information visit:

<https://www.3accorematerials.com/en/products/baltek-balsa>

### **About ABS Group**

ABS Group of Companies, Inc. ([www.abs-group.com](http://www.abs-group.com)), through its operating subsidiaries, including but not limited to ABSG Consulting Inc., provides technical advisory and certification services to support the safety and reliability of high-performance assets and operations in the industrial manufacturing, oil, gas and chemical, alternative energy, marine, offshore and public sectors, among others. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, ABS Group operates with more than 1,300 professionals in over 30 countries. ABS Group is a subsidiary of ABS, a leading marine and offshore classification society.



## About 3A Composites Core Materials

**3A Composites Core Materials is a global organizational unit within the 3A Composites Group, a part of Schweiter Technologies (SIX Swiss Exchange: SWTQ), with operations in Europe, the Americas, China and Papua New Guinea.**

Stronger, lighter, greener future

3A Composites Core Materials is a global leader with the broadest portfolio of high-performing and sustainable core materials with main focus on PET foam and balsa wood. We are the pioneers in sandwich technology with more than 75 years of experience.

Since the very beginning our focus has been developing strong and solid, yet lightweight core materials, which allow manufacturing more durable, sustainable and energy-efficient end products for our customers. Our products have also the purpose: to create a stronger, lighter and greener future.

We have innovation deeply planted in our core

Each of our products is a result of profound expertise and advanced thinking of our engineers, working in partnership with our customers and leading experts and research institutes. We shape the industry trends and keep our offer at the cutting edge of technology.

We want to make the industry greener

Our commitment to sustainability is deeply ingrained in all aspects of our business, from developing sustainable products to protecting the natural environment and cultural heritage of the communities we work in.

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