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3A Composites and Dow announce global strategic cooperation in customized structural core materials for wind energy

Sins, Horgen/Switzerland – March 12, 2013 – 3A Composites Core Materials and the Dow Chemical Company enter into a strategic cooperation to market innovative core material solutions for the wind energy industry.

The cooperation combines Dow's expertise in material science with 3A Composites' extensive engineering and application know-how in the field of core materials for wind blades. Together, the two companies will bring advanced solutions in order to help the wind industry to improve productivity and reliability. Within this cooperation, 3A Composites will offer customized core material solutions globally with local service, powered by Dow's innovative wind blade technologies.

Roman Thomassin, CEO of 3A Composites Core Materials states: "The perfect combination of the two companies' different and complementary core competences builds the foundation for a successful cooperation and will allow us to offer the market an unrivalled package of cutting-edge material and service offering".

"Combining Dow's scientific depth and 3A Composites' tailored solution approach creates a unique capability to design and manufacture reliable innovation for the wind industry," highlights Jon Penrice, global business director of Dow Formulated Systems. "This new technology builds on Dow's existing offerings of infusion resins and durable adhesives that will help the wind industry improve productivity and reliability."



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About Dow

Dow (NYSE: DOW) combines the power of science and technology to passionately innovate what is essential to human progress. The Company connects chemistry and innovation with the principles of sustainability to help address many of the world's most challenging problems such as the need for clean water, renewable energy generation and conservation, and increasing agricultural productivity. Dow's diversified industry-leading portfolio of specialty chemical, advanced materials, agrosciences and plastics businesses delivers a broad range of technology-based products and solutions to customers in approximately 160 countries and in high growth sectors such as electronics, water, energy, coatings and agriculture. In 2012, Dow had annual sales of approximately \$57 billion and employed approximately 54,000 people worldwide. The Company's more than 5,000 products are manufactured at 188 sites in 36 countries across the globe. References to "Dow" or the "Company" mean The Dow Chemical Company and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise expressly noted. More information about Dow can be found at www.dow.com.

About 3A Composites Core Materials

3A Composites Core Materials is a global organizational unit within 3A Composites, with operations in Europe, North America, South America, India and China. The branded products AIREX[®] and BALTEK[®] have pioneered the sandwich technology for almost 70 years. Fabricators use these core materials to make innovative, lightweight sandwich structures for the wind energy, marine and transportation markets as well as other industrial applications. 3A Composites Core Materials is the global leader in answering the markets' and users' needs for sustainable, lightweight and resource-friendly materials to enable the production of lighter and thus more energy efficient end products. In the wind energy market, its core materials are a key factor for growth in the generation of renewable energy.

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