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Ashland resins found in award-winning composite applications

DUBLIN, Ohio – Resins from Ashland Performance Materials, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), were used in the majority of projects recognized with Awards for Composite Excellence (ACE) from the American Composites Manufacturing Association (ACMA). Ashland resins were used in six out of the 10 ACMA awards presented during the organization's recent annual meeting.

"The level of innovation from our customers is unmatched. We are extremely pleased to see these customers recognized for their work and happy that we could play a role in that success," said Gary Landsettle, vice president, sales for the Americas, Ashland Performance Materials.

Harbor Technologies, LLC won the Infinite Possibilities award with their Hybrid Composite Bridge Beam entry using Ashland's epoxy vinyl ester resin. The Innovations in Green Composites Technology award was presented to Bedford Reinforced Plastics, which used Ashland's Envirez® resin technology to create a double-walled hybrid composite panel used to replace drywall in some construction applications.

The Most Creative Application award was presented to the AEWCA Advanced Structures & Composites Center at the University of Maine, for their Bridge-in-a-Backpack® application featuring Ashland's Derakane® 8084 resin. Ashland's Hetron® epoxy vinyl ester resin was used by Ershigs Inc. to capture the Technical Innovation for Corrosion Applications award for their work in a carbon capture and sequestration application. The Pinnacle Award and Best of Show in cast polymer applications went to Monroe Industries Robal Glass® application of Ashland's Envirez resin technology in a tub and shower application.

Ashland Performance Materials is the global leader in unsaturated polyester resins and epoxy vinyl ester resins. In addition, it provides customers with leading technologies in gelcoats, pressure-sensitive and structural adhesives, and metal casting consumables and design services.

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