



News Release

Dedication Ceremony at Hexcel in Utah As two new carbon fiber lines are commissioned

November 17th 2011: Hexcel held a dedication ceremony today at its manufacturing facility in Salt Lake City to commission two new carbon fiber production lines. The dedication ceremony was attended by state and local dignitaries including the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Economic Development Corporation of Utah, and West Valley City Economic Development Division.

The two new carbon fiber production lines are part of an on-going expansion at the Utah site, where Hexcel also manufactures carbon fiber/epoxy composite materials known as prepreg. The expansion increases Hexcel's global carbon fiber output to 16 million pounds of nameplate capacity. The new carbon fiber lines are part of an on-going multi-million dollar capacity expansion that will initially add up to 50 new jobs and by 2015 could add several hundred more new positions. In addition, the on-going construction will continue to provide employment to numerous contractors and many local firms.

Hexcel's carbon fiber and prepreps are used predominantly by the aerospace industry to manufacture commercial and military airframe and engine structures, helicopters, and satellites. The capacity expansion at Hexcel is necessary to keep up with the increasing demand for carbon fiber composites on new and growing aircraft platforms such as the Airbus A350 XWB, A380, and A320 as well as the Boeing 747-8, 777, 737, and 787.

At the Dedication Ceremony Site Manager John Brock said: "I wish to thank all of our guests here today including the local and state officials that have provided so much support. Above all I wish to thank our Hexcel employees for their unstinting commitment and dedication to the job of bringing these two new carbon fiber lines through construction and commissioning with such safety, efficiency and diligence. I'm proud to be part of such a great team."

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Hexcel Corporation is a leading advanced composites company. It develops, manufactures and markets lightweight, high-performance structural materials, including carbon fibers, reinforcements for

composites, prepregs, honeycomb, matrix systems, adhesives and composite structures, used in commercial aerospace, space and defense and industrial applications.

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