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## METYX Composites Hosts Hands-on L-RTM Training in Istanbul

METYX Composites<sup>®</sup>, the Turkish high performance reinforcement manufacturer and distributor of composites related products, organized and hosted a three and a half day RTM and L-RTM training in Istanbul, September 9-12, 2008. The comprehensive event with practical training attracted a total of 36 attendees from Turkey, the Middle East, and Europe.

The coursework for the event was taught by Stephen Williams and Richard Bland from Composite Integration<sup>®</sup>, the UK based provider of technical services and equipment to the RTM and vacuum RTM molding industry. There was theoretical training on L-RTM technologies, mold construction, and the benefits of closed molding, but what made this training so unique and exceedingly beneficial to attendees was all the hands-on practice.

Unlike other RTM schools where participants observe the instructor create an L-RTM mold, all 36 attendees at this event had to create their own molds from start to finish. Excitement was generated and the participants had fun as they engaged in friendly competition with one another and competed against the clock to finish their molds as well. There was live video cast onsite so that participants could watch the instructor demos from their own work stations, which facilitated understanding the material and expedited the completion of the molds. All molds were successfully completed.

The three-day L-RTM training was followed by a half day advanced RTM training that addressed project specific challenges from customers, case studies, and success stories.

“We received such positive feedback from the training participants. They felt that they not only gained a good understanding of materials, equipment, techniques, and best practices, but they also got the chance to put the theory to practice and solidify the knowledge by creating their own molds under our supervision. They also had fun doing it. We believe that it is essential for attendees to walk away with that hands-on know-how so that they can replicate what they learned at their own workplaces,” stated Ugur Ustunel, VP New Business Development, METYX Composites.

This event was the third time METYX Composites and Composite Integration teamed up to disseminate market leading RTM and L-RTM know-how to the molding industry. The training in Istanbul has developed quite a following and has become an annual event. Plans are now underway for future trainings at other locations as well.



(Event attendees engaging in friendly competition to complete their own molds.)



(Stephen Williams of Composite Integration presenting Vacuum RTM Mold Construction.)



(Event attendees pose with their completed molds.)

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