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Molded Fiber Glass Companies (MFG) Now Supplying Spare Composite Parts for Wind Turbines
- Manufacturer of wind blades and other composite components for turbines sees win-win opportunity in aftermarket replacement parts -

Ashtabula, OH (November 22, 2011) – Molded Fiber Glass Companies, one of the largest manufacturers of composite components for wind turbines, announced that the company is now supplying spare and replacement parts for older turbines. Operators of ageing fleets will have a new premium resource for aftermarket replacement blades, nose cones, nacelles, hatch covers and other FRP components that are no longer stocked by the OEM.

MFG is an internationally recognized leader in field of composites manufacturing and has been a top wind industry supplier for 25 years. Five of MFG’s 15 manufacturing sites in North America are partially or fully dedicated to composite parts for wind energy, including a 325,000 square foot plant in South Dakota that features state of the art robotic processing technology. Boasting the best warranty record to the wind energy industry, in 2010 the company set a cumulative shipment record of 8,000 wind blades and more than 5,000 nacelles. In addition to the parts fabrication, MFG also operates a wind composite maintenance and repair business, Wind Energy Services Company, headquartered in Gainesville, TX.

Traditionally, MFG has primarily been a supplier of FRP components to wind energy OEM’s. As the population of turbine
fleets get larger and older, the need for replacement composite parts for equipment is on the rise. Frequently, operators in need of a composite part – due to a devastating weather event or normal wear - discover that the OEM no longer carries what they need, or may no longer be in business. To answer this need, MFG has leveraged their substantial manufacturing capabilities to offer newly manufactured spares made from tooling generated from the customer’s part. This process is fast and does not injure the original part.

Another pocket of opportunity for composite repair services and spare parts is supporting resellers of pre-owned turbines. These businesses acquire smaller turbines that are being removed from service by operators that upgrade to more powerful, larger models. Once reconditioned, this equipment can be resold to individual ranchers, universities and communities.

“We are discovering that operators are thrilled to know there is a dependable, high quality resource for spares,” reports Gary Kanaby, director of sales for wind energy. “We recently delivered 15 nacelle covers and spinners as well as 50 replacement hatches to a wind farm that suffered a disastrous wind event. The insurance carrier covered the replacement cost – but the OEM no longer carried the parts. We were able to produce and deliver so they were operating at full productivity in a matter of weeks.”

More information on MFG wind energy products and services is available on the company website at www.moldedfiberglass.com. A map and details about MFG’s wind component facilities in North America can be downloaded from this link.

About Molded Fiber Glass Companies
Molded Fiber Glass Companies (MFG) is a leader in the field of reinforced plastics and composites, serving diverse markets with a variety of composite material systems. The company has 16 operating entities in the United States and Mexico, strategically focused to supply high value, high quality products and manufacturing services for applications such as wind energy, automotive, heavy truck, defense, construction, material handling and water treatment. The company is headquartered in Ashtabula, OH and is privately owned.

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