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IDI Announces New High-Strength, Lightweight Composite

NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA (USA) – IDI Composites International, the premier global formulator and manufacturer of thermoset molding compounds, announces the new high strength, lightweight X Series thermoset composite for SMC applications. The new material is extremely resilient,



with very high impact ratings. It is also versatile in its uses. Applications include safety equipment, sporting goods, transportation, and military.

Impact strength for the new X Series ranges from 40 FT-LBS/IN to 60 FT-LBS/IN. Flexural strength is 40,000-60,000 PSI, and tensile strength is 25,000-35,000 PSI. Glass content can range from 20% – 60%, depending on strength requirements and cost restrictions. As with all IDI materials, various chemicals can be added to increase the flame resistance of the composite.

These exceptional properties make the X Series SMC composite ideal for a variety of applications. The new composite is both durable and lightweight for use in safety applications, such as protective helmets. For sports and military applications, the

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material offers protection with minimal cracking upon impact. Its flammability, smoke, and toxicity ratings are required for applications in aerospace and automotive markets.

X Series SMC is moldable, so it can be used for numerous shapes, from firefighter helmets to liners for pick-up truck beds. The material can also be pigmented or painted in various high-gloss colors to meet aesthetic requirements.

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About IDI Composites International: IDI Composites International is the premier global formulator and manufacturer of thermoset molding compounds for custom molders and OEMs. The company provides customized polyester/vinylester-based bulk molding compounds (BMC) and sheet molding compounds (SMC) for the world's most demanding markets, including automotive, electrical, appliance, food service, and energy.

Headquartered in a 200,000 square foot facility in Noblesville, IN (USA), IDI has a strong presence in the international thermoset composites market. To support a growing customer base world-wide, the company operates multiple wholly-owned manufacturing facilities in Europe, Asia, and The Americas.