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Ashland to showcase its wind power portfolio at AWEA 2011 expo

DUBLIN, Ohio – Renewable wind-energy technology is rapidly expanding, and Ashland Performance Materials, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), continues its progress in bringing advanced composite and adhesive materials to this industry.

As an active participant with a number of universities in wind-energy research projects, Ashland will showcase its innovative technologies at the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) Wind Power 2011 Conference and Exposition, May 22-25 in Anaheim, Calif.

“Ashland’s early focus on the wind-energy industry has positioned us for great partnerships and growth as use of this technology expands,” said Kevin Lambrych, global wind-energy program manager, Performance Materials. “One of our products, [Derakane™ 60200 epoxy vinyl ester resin](#), can improve cycle times by 25 percent in infusion blade manufacturing processes, as compared with epoxy resin systems.”

In addition to Derakane resin, Ashland’s [Pliogrip™ structural adhesives](#) will be featured at the exposition. Pliogrip adhesives deliver superior bonding performance and are becoming an essential part of nacelle construction. A longtime choice for bonding automobile composite body assemblies and specialty components, Pliogrip structural adhesives can bind a number of materials including fiberglass reinforced plastic, carbon-fiber reinforced plastic, thermoplastic olefins, steel and aluminum.

Another innovation featured at the exposition will be [Ashland’s Envirez™ resin](#), formulated to contain up to 22 percent renewable content from soybean oil and corn derived ethanol. Envirez resins are designed to provide users with a reliable, environmentally responsible choice when compared with traditional resin technology. Envirez resins meet or fall well within performance guidelines for use in wind energy construction.

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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, coatings and metal casting consumables and design services.

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