Circularity Award 2024

As the profile of sustainability grows, the need for all countries and organisations to be increasing the circularity of their products and value chains is becoming ever clearer and many organisations are now wholeheartedly embracing this challenge. Due to the excellent durability and stability of Composite products, and the current very high dependence on fossil-fuel-derived fibres and resins, the Composites industry faces significant challenges in moving from today’s very linear supply chain to a much more circular one, involving much greater recycling & reuse of Composites waste and greater use of bio-materials derived from annually renewable crops. In acknowledgement of both the challenge involved and the importance in moving quickly and significantly to a more circular value chain,

Composites UK wants to recognise the excellent efforts being made and the innovative solutions being developed by companies and organisations in the UK Composites supply chain to achieve much greater circularity with Composite materials.

The Circularity Award aims to:

* Identify, promote and reward the most innovative composites circularity solutions from UK companies which are contributing significantly to the reuse or recycling of Composite waste, or the greater use of biomaterials within the UK Composites supply chain.
* Identify, promote and reward organisations which are making strenuous efforts to become much more circular themselves and by doing so, to greatly reduce the amount of Composites waste sent to landfill only or to greatly increase the amount of biomaterials being used
* Encourage and enhance the visibility of companies actively involved in circularity projects and their partners.

This award is open to all companies operating within the composites industry and supply chain in the United Kingdom and includes:

* Suppliers & manufacturers of materials, machinery, consumables and ancillary equipment
* Processors and producers of Composite parts
* Original Equipment Manufacturers
* Service & knowledge providers supporting manufacturers
* Academic institutions

Judging for this award will take place over the summer of 2024 and all entries must be received by **5pm on 26th July 2024**. The Board of Directors will select a short-list of entries, all of whom will be expected to attend the Awards Dinner at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham, on 30th October where the winner will be announced.

**What do we get if we are shortlisted?**

**Each shortlisted company will receive:**

* A commemorative plaque.
* International press coverage through being part of our press release detailing the shortlisted entries.
* An image which you can use on your email and/or website to show you are shortlisted.
* A ‘spotlight’ feature on our website, newsletter and social media channels detailing your company and entry (signed off by you before it is publicised).
* Inclusion in a dedicated email to our database of 12000 composites industry professionals promoting your shortlisting with links back to your website.
* Details of your entry included in our digital supplement showcasing shortlisted entries. There will be an option here for you to take a paid for advertisement space.
* Invitation to speak at a dedicated show floor forum session at the Advanced Engineering Show at the NEC Birmingham on the afternoon of 30th October.

**The winner of each category will additionally receive:**

* A physical award.
* A commemorative plaque.
* Your ‘spotlight’ made a permanent feature on the Composites UK website.
* Included in our social media campaign announcing the winners.
* International press coverage through being part of our press release detailing the winning entries.
* An image which you can use on your email and/or website to show you are a winner.
* A winner’s video on our You Tube channel where you talk in detail about your entry.

Circularity Award

**Entry Form**

The Circularity Award is looking to find and reward the most innovative composites product or process solutions that have or will contribute greatly to the circularity of your own company’s activities and/or those of the wider UK economy/Composites industries, and/or the organisations making the most significant steps in eliminating landfilling of waste or greater use of biomaterials from/in their own activities through education, measurement and investment.

**Key Criteria**

The entry must be made by one company. You may specify project partners, if applicable, later on the form. In this category an “innovative composite solution” is defined as a new composite product or process, or a new application in the composites sector that creates value and meets one or more of the following criteria:

* Significant and quantifiable reduction in the amount of waste generated and sent to landfill by the user
* Establishes a new benchmark for composites reuse and recycling in an application or sector
* Enables accurate demonstration of Composite waste reductions for the first time
* Significant and quantifiable increase in use of biomaterials in an application or sector

Plus also demonstrating one or more of the following aspects:

* Technical excellence
* New or additional market openings
* Clear benefits for end users
* Originality
* Partnership approach with other sector players

**Company Details**

Company name: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Postcode: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

Name of nominator: Click here to enter text.

Position in Company: Click here to enter text.

Phone (if different): Click here to enter text.

Email (if different): Click here to enter text.

**About the Company**

**ACTIVITY** (Tick all that apply)

[ ]  Fabricator/manufacturer of composite parts

[ ]  Composite material distributor or raw material supplier

[ ]  Manufacturer of composite processing machinery

[ ]  User of composite parts/OEM

[ ]  Commercial R&D

[ ]  Academic R&D institute

[ ]  Consultancy

[ ]  Service provider to the Composites industry

[ ]  Other: Click here to enter text.

**INDUSTRY** (Tick all that apply)

[ ]  Aerospace

[ ]  Construction and building

[ ]  Environment and recycling

[ ]  Marine

[ ]  Motorsport/automotive

[ ]  Sports and leisure

[ ]  Transportation

[ ]  Wind energy

[ ]  Raw materials

[ ]  Process

[ ]  Other: Click here to enter text.

**Partners**

If your entry is a project with partner companies, please give brief details for each partner involved (please submit on a separate sheet if there are more partners than the form allows).

Company name: Click here to enter text.

Activity: Click here to enter text.

Role in project: Click here to enter text.

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**The Circularity Achievement**

Please describe as clearly as possible your circularity achievement against each of the following subheadings.

Describe your circularity achievement/innovation. Please describe the quantitative waste reduction and/or increase in reuse/recycling and/or increase in the use of biomaterials that has been achieved and how this has been done. If appropriate, please also provide commentary on what makes it original and innovative and what competitive products or alternatives (if any) are available

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If appropriate, please describe how your achievement impacts the end-user(s) across the Composites value chain. Please also describe the industry need that your achievement or innovation addresses and how this will impact the circularity of the wider market/sector/end-users in which you operate

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Please describe the market value that your circularity achievement has already delivered or could deliver in future and what the basis for this forecast is

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Please summarise briefly the project work undertaken for this achievement, the role of the other partners and the internal efforts required to deliver success (both manhours and financial investment made)

Click here to enter text.

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**The Award**

Should you win the award, please tell us what the award should say on it (e.g. your company name as you’d like it displayed or the name of your project). Additional copies of the awards are available to purchase by the winners or project partners after the event at cost.

Click here to enter text.

**You are advised that…**

* You need to make your case in a clear, interesting and persuasive way. The judges will have many entries to assess, so a concise and succinct entry form will be appreciated.
* The judges’ decision is final and if not a winner, special commendations can be awarded.
* If a large number of entries are received, Composites UK reserve the right to divide the entries into company size and have an award for large, medium and small companies.

**Press Information**

Composites UK will wish to maximise the press coverage of these awards and information for the entries is taken from the entry forms. If there are specific information in your entry that is sensitive and should not be published, please make this clear at the time you submit your entry.

**Shortlisting and Dinner Attendance**

Shortlisted companies must have a representative in attendance at the dinner.

**Declaration**

I confirm that I have read the entry details and this entry abides by all qualifying criteria.

Signed (initial if completing online): Click here to enter text.

Name of sponsor: Click here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter text.

**Send your entry to…**

All entries must reach us by 5pm on 26th July 2024.

Return the completed entry form along with any supporting material to Composites UK.

You can print this form and complete it by hand or fill in the fields using Word and saving/printing a version.

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