

Hawkeye Celebrates 25 Years

Hawkeye Industries, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., recently reached a major milestone when it observed its 25th anniversary since opening its doors. Begun 25 years ago on August 10, 1983 by John Rea and Doug Dennis, Hawkeye today sells more than 60 products in many countries through 56 independent distributors across the globe, compared to its beginning with three products and no distribution network. Aside from the growth in distribution, number of products sold and operating revenues, the company has changed in other respects as well. The company's business offices have moved from Marietta, Ga., to Bloomington, Calif. John H. Daller took the reins as president

in 2006, Steve Baggett joined the company as U.S. technical sales representative, and the company recently launched a new product line called StryoSafe, an EPS-foam compatible polyester resin. The company continues to expand into new product and geographical markets. John Brooks: 404-483-1000; jbrooks@duratec1.com.

Australia Composites Invests in Prepreg Line

Australian Composites Pty Ltd, Moorabbin, Victoria, announced it has invested over \$3 million in a new prepreg manufacturing line designed to mass produce its range of UV curable resin impregnated fiberglass materials which fully cure with light in a

matter of minutes in a revolutionary out of autoclave "OOAC" technique. The company believes the machine is the first of its kind to apply UV curable resins onto fiberglass materials in large quantities which will provide fiberglass workshops with pre-impregnated material within highly specific and consistent weights and resin add-on. The line produces prepregs up to 130cm wide in either polyester or vinyl ester UV curable resin systems. As part of the manufacturing process, the machine automatically deposits a thin sheet of polythene on the top and underside of the prepreg so that it is protected from exposure to light and drying out until it is ready to be used. Daniel Leipnik: daniel@specialty.com.au.