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Further Composite Tooling Contract Win

Hampson Industries PLC (“Hampson” or “the Group”), the international aerospace and precision engineering group, today announces that its US subsidiary, Coast Composites, Inc, has received a further order worth \$4.2 million from Airbus to supply initial fuselage curing tools for the Airbus A350 XWB programme.

This additional win follows the first A350 tooling orders secured by the Group in August 2008 and takes the Group’s total tooling orders on the programme to date to \$27 million, all of which are expected to be delivered by early 2010.

The orders secured to date are for the first set of tools only and it is expected that rate and derivative tools will add in excess of US \$80 million of demand for Hampson’s tooling businesses over the next three to four years.

Commenting on this latest win, Group Chief Executive Kim Ward said:

“This latest order underpins our expectation of the growth in demand for large, close tolerance tooling systems to enable manufacture of the latest generation of composite rich, fuel efficient aircraft.

“Hampson is now the largest independent manufacturer of aerospace tooling systems in the world, with tooling accounting for some 45% of the group’s total revenue. Our firm order books for composite tooling now stand at record levels, and with further capacity coming on line, we expect to see progressive further order growth going forward.”

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About the Airbus A350:

The Airbus A350 is a long range, mid-sized, wide-body family of airliners currently under development, designed to compete with the Boeing 777 and Boeing 787. The A350 will be the first Airbus with fuselage and wing structures made primarily of carbon fibre composite and has a scheduled entry into service date of 2013.

About Hampson:

The Group’s operations are structured into three business segments, serving primarily the global commercial and military aerospace and specialist engineering markets from manufacturing facilities in the UK, North America and India.

Approximately 95% of the Group’s sales are derived from its aerospace activities, the balance from the market for automotive turbocharger components.

In June 2008, Hampson completed the acquisition of Odyssey Industries, Inc. and Global Tooling Systems, Inc. for a total consideration of up to USD314 million, partly financed through a £65 million placing and open offer. The Group now employs nearly 2,500 people worldwide.

Hampson Industries PLC is listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange (Symbol: HAMP). For more information on Hampson: www.hampsongroup.com