



Natural Fiber Composites Pilot Part Production Tour

On **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**, before the 16th-annual **SPE® Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** (ACCE), conference attendees and SPE members may attend a free tour of a new prototyping **natural fiber-composite prepregging line and compression molding station at BASF Corp.'s Wyandotte, Michigan facility**. The tour will feature BASF's unique, formaldehyde-free, water-based **Acrodur®** acrylic binder resins, which permit production of composite parts with very-high fiber-volume fractions using natural fibers, glass fibers, carbon and other fibers, plus thermoset or thermoplastic **Acrodur** binders and other additives. BASF and its customers use the installed prepregging line and compression molding station to develop prototype parts using this environmentally friendly technology, which already is used in the furniture, building & construction, filter media, and European automotive industries. The complete tour including a reception will last 2 hours and is **limited to 50 participants on a first-registered/first-accepted basis**. **The tour begins at 3:00 p.m. and will involve some walking. Anyone wearing a pacemaker should alert BASF staff at the start of the tour and refrain from entering the radio-frequency drying room**, as equipment in that location can affect pacemaker function.

Tour Signup

For those interested, a 30-passenger bus sponsored by SPE will be available to drive conference attendees who preregister (on a first-registered/first-served basis) from the front of the Hyatt Place Hotel at the east end of the Diamond Center/Suburban Collection Showplace where the ACCE will be held to BASF's Wyandotte facility and back again. The bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. from that location. Those who live locally may drive themselves as long as they arrive before the 3:00 p.m. start time. If you have not confirmed you are accepted on the tour, do not show up as you may not be accommodated. There is no cost to attend, but you must preregister, sign a waiver of liability form (next page), wear plant-appropriate clothing, and be willing to surrender your camera and/or camera-equipped phone during your visit to the facility (equipment will be returned after the tour). Tour is limited to 50 participants.

Additional Information about Low Weight Composites at ACCE

More information about the use of this unique binder resin to produce high value, low weight composite parts will be presented at this year's SPE ACCE by Rose Ryntz, International Automotive Components (IAC) and Henning Karbstein, BASF during a presentation on *Natural Fiber Composites Sunroof Frame* from **11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2016** in the *Sustainable Composites* session in Opel/Garnet.



Consent, Release, and Waiver of Liability

To participate in the *Acrodur* natural fiber prepregging line & molding station tour at **BASF's Wyndotte facility**, the Participant acknowledges and agrees:

1. Participation is voluntary.
2. The Participant agrees to wear plant-appropriate clothing and footwear.
3. The Participant agrees to surrender any cameras or camera-equipped devices, including cell phones, when requested and to refrain from all photography inside the plant. Cameras and other devices will be returned at the end of the plant tour.
4. The Participant agrees to observe all safety precautions required by facility representatives, to wear safety eyewear if provided for the tour, to refrain from entering restricted areas, and to refrain from touching all equipment.
5. Any participant who wears a pacemaker must inform BASF at the start of the tour and **MUST NOT** enter the room where the radio-frequency drier is installed, as this may affect the function of the pacemaker.
6. Participants may be contacted by BASF after the event to determine interest in the company's products.

The Participant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless **BASF Corp.** and the **Society of Plastics Engineers** and its directors, officers, staff and agents, and sponsors of the plant tour from all claims, demands and causes of action, including court costs and attorney fees, directly or indirectly arising from participation in the plant tour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Please sign and email back to Peggy at ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com