



LINCOLN COMPOSITES selected for RPSEA Ultra-Deepwater Program award

Ålesund, Norway 8 August 2008 – Hexagon Composites ASA (NO: HEX) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Lincoln Composites, Inc. has been selected as project lead for development of a Composite Riser for Ultra-Deepwater High Pressure Wells by the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA).

RPSEA is an American non-profit organization established to help meet America's growing need for hydrocarbon resources produced from reservoirs in America. One of its tasks is to bring technology to market which will enable oil and gas production in water depths previously unreachable and/or cost prohibitive with current technology.

As the offshore oil industry moves into water depths greater than 1,500 meters combined with high pressure wells, the sheer weight of the necessary steel riser systems becomes a major obstacle. This project signals industry commitment to the use of composite technology to achieve a lightweight high-pressure capable solution for deepwater. Lincoln Composites' riser design utilizes patented technology that optimizes the composite-to-steel interface. The business case for hybrid risers is based on the ability to use less expensive drilling rigs. This ability results in operations with substantial cost savings. Additionally safe, reliable and lighter weight risers can reduce life cycle and platform costs substantially.

According to RPSEA President C. Michael Ming, "The 2007 Ultra-Deepwater Program is designed to bring the resources of America's leading universities, research institutions and technology innovators to bear on reducing costs, increasing efficiency, improving safety, and minimizing environmental impacts of domestic production. Accelerating the time to first production and building the intellectual capability in the research community for these strategically important resources is vital to meet the nation's energy needs."

Dale Tiller, president of Lincoln Composites states "The Composite Drill Riser will open up an entirely new market place and revenue stream for Lincoln Composites. With the current energy crisis and the world's ever increasing need for hydrocarbons, the demand for exploration and oil/gas harvesting in non-traditional or previously inaccessible fields will grow dramatically in the coming years. Eventually we expect this product to be as successful as our CNG/H₂ fuel container business."

Lincoln Composites will lead the project and be supported by Stress Engineering Services of Houston, TX, and Toray Carbon Fiber America. Lincoln Composites has worked on full

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composite and hybrid riser designs for more than 15 years. This project award is a major milestone toward commercialization of this technology. The development process is Phase 1 of the project and is estimated at 18 months duration with total funding of more than \$2 million including 20% minimum industry match.

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Lincoln Composites is a leading designer and manufacturer of filament wound, high pressure composite products for commercial markets. Lincoln Composites' products include: Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) and hydrogen cylinders, modular fuel systems, accumulator cylinders, and oil and gas products. Over 80,000 TUFFSHELL® fuel cylinders have been sold for storage of compressed natural gas and hydrogen. Further information on Lincoln Composites is available at www.LincolnComposites.com.

Hexagon Composites ASA is a publicly traded corporation, listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange (HEX). The corporation is a global niche producer of pressure vessels and other composite products. In addition to Lincoln Composites, Inc., the Hexagon family of companies includes three other subsidiaries: Raufoss Fuel Systems AS; Ragasco AS; and Devold AMT AS. The Hexagon companies maintain market leadership positions due to the enabling technologies, the efficient manufacturing, and the value-added, quality products provided by each subsidiary. The Hexagon companies' products are used in a variety of applications.

This press release includes forward-looking statements regarding the present intentions and expectations of management of Hexagon Composites. Certain factors beyond Hexagon's control could cause results to differ materially from those in these forward looking statements. Risk factors include general market conditions and competition in the markets for Hexagon's products, testing and type approval processes in different jurisdictions and the value of gas as an energy source.