

Canadian Advanced Composites R&D centre continues to grow

The Canadian Composites Manufacturing R&D Inc. (CCMRD) has continued to grow since its start up in April 2010. Two additional companies, PCM Molds and Patterns and Barrday Inc., have recently joined the consortium, bringing its total membership to ten. Coupling this increase in membership with the launching of several collaborative projects to further develop Canada's composites manufacturing capabilities has provided a real momentum for the organization.



larger original equipment manufacturers, it was an easy decision to become part of this entity," stated Ryo Okada, project manager – Research and Development of Barrday Inc.

CCMRD consists of several major aerospace composites companies and SMEs across Canada: Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, Avior Integrated Products and PCM Molds and Patterns (Quebec); Comtek Advanced Structures and Barrday Inc. (Ontario); Convergent Manufacturing Technologies and Profile Composites (BC); and Bristol Aerospace, a Division of Magellan Limited, Cormer Group Industries Inc. and Boeing Canada Technology

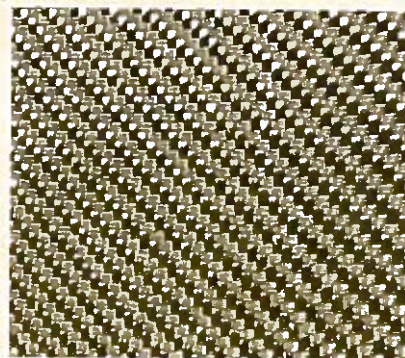
Winnipeg Division (Manitoba). Boeing's R&T Division also sits on its board and is an active participant.

"Having small manufacturing enterprises (SMEs) seeing the benefit of and joining CCMRD really demonstrates the relevance of the organization to the Canadian advanced composites manufacturing industry," explains Mike Hudek, executive director of CCMRD. *"It also provides a meaningful advantage for CCMRD by now adding a mould manufacturing capability and a material developer/supplier to its competencies".*

"Once we understood the intent of CCMRD to conduct precompetitive, collaborative projects to increase the technological capabilities of the Canadian industry together with developing the supply chain by connecting SMEs with

The CCMRD is a virtual centre whose operations are managed by the Composites Innovation Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with projects being coordinated and performed across Canada. So far, one project has been completed, two are in progress and three are about to be launched. These projects are led by industry members and have other industry and research partners across Canada. In particular, NRC-IAR participates on the board as a technology advisor, providing insights and direction. ■

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