

**PRESS RELEASE****Paris, February 10, 2016****JEC Group and AZL announce the extension of their partnership agreement****JEC World, March 08-10, 2016, Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Center**

Mrs Frédérique MUTEL, JEC Group President and CEO and Dr Michael EMONTS, Managing Director of AZL, the competence network for excellence in lightweight production, are very happy, after a first successful cooperation, to announce the extension of their partnership agreement which has started in 2015.

The purpose of the partnership is to jointly promote actual developments and insights regarding integrative lightweight production technology at JEC World to illustrate their benefits to the Composites Professionals for the development of Knowledge and the enhancement of their Networking.

This partnership consists in the organization of a shared technological program over the 3 days of the trade show. Most recent scientific developments will be presented by AZL and its 8 partnering institutes of RWTH Aachen University in the framework of the so-called “**Composites in Action - JEC Group in partnership with AZL**”. Also, a guided visit of related exhibiting AZL partner companies at JEC World 2016, as well as a dedicated area for AZL and its partnering institutes showcasing their innovative products and live demos will be important assets of this partnership. Innovations along the whole composite value chain are presented by AZL and the Institute for Textile Technology (ITA), Institute of Plastics Processing (IKV), Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology (IPT), Welding and Joining Institute (ISF), Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production (WZL), Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology (ILT), Institute of Automotive Engineering (IKA) and Institute of Structural Mechanics and Lightweight Design (SLA).



Mrs Frédérique MUTEL, JEC Group President and CEO says: “*JEC Group is thrilled to renew this agreement with AZL. Intense connections between Technology and Industry are vital in the development of composites. JEC Group encourages such connections globally and locally. With AZL participation, our audience will benefit from the newest technological results and best-practice approaches in the field of composites manufacturing. The synergies and expertise that we put in common will undoubtedly be a great value added to the Composites community*”.

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*Dr. Michael Emonts*  
*Managing Director of AZL*

Dr. Michael EMONTS, Managing Director of AZL Aachen GmbH about the partnership with JEC: *“After the successful start of our cooperation and so many participants at the conferences and guided tour last year, we are very pleased to extend our partnership with JEC in order to continuously promote the latest innovations in composites production technology together with our partner institutes of RWTH Aachen University. AZL is in fact a growing network of both, research and industry, and we are happy to represent this innovative platform, its ideas and results at and with JEC in order to inspire the entire industry.”*

#### **About JEC Group:**

With a network of 250,000 professionals, JEC is the largest composite industry organization in the world. JEC represents, promotes and helps develop composite markets by providing global or local networking and information services. Through Knowledge and Networking, JEC's experts offer a comprehensive service package: the JEC publications – including strategic studies, technical books and the JEC Composites Magazine – the weekly international e-letter World Market News and the French e-letter JEC Info Composites. JEC also organizes the JEC Europe Show in Paris – world and European leader, strongly supported by the industry and five times bigger than any other composites exhibition – JEC Asia in Singapore and JEC Americas in Atlanta, Boston & Houston; the Web Hub **[www.jecomposites.com](http://www.jecomposites.com)**; the JEC Composites Conferences, Forums and Workshops in Paris, Singapore, Atlanta and Boston; and the JEC Innovation Awards program (Europe, Asia, America, India and China).

The composite industry employs 550,000 professionals worldwide and generated 65 billion euros worth of business in 2014.

#### **About AZL:**

The worldwide unique lightweight competence network “Aachen Center for Integrative Lightweight Production” (AZL) of RWTH Aachen demonstrates significant lightweight expertise in research and development. The aim of AZL is to develop, in cooperation with its industrial partners, automated production of load- and cost-optimized lightweight components, suitable for mass production and versatile process chains in composite and multi-material design. This will be done in close interdisciplinary cooperation between material science and manufacturing technology. The AZL of RWTH Aachen handles the teaching activities as well as research and development inquiries with access to the latest full-scale machines and automation systems. The offer of AZL Aachen GmbH, as cooperative service provider in the field of lightweight production technology, includes the areas of engineering, advisory, consultancy and project management, networking and human resources marketing. The AZL Partner Network consists of about 60 industrial partners representing the entire lightweight production value chain from the raw material producer, over molders, manufacturing equipment suppliers, Tier 1 and Tier 2 to OEMs, from SMEs to large multinational corporations, from Germany to Mexico, China or Japan. **[www.azl-aachen-gmbh.de](http://www.azl-aachen-gmbh.de)**

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