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The 7th-annual ***SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exposition*** (ACCE) will be held **September 11-13, 2007** at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Michigan, U.S.A. Now in its 7th year, the ACCE has become the world's leading forum for automotive composites and draws exhibitors, speakers, and attendees from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia / Pacific as well as North America. This year's conference theme is "*Driving Performance and Productivity*," which reflects the challenges facing automakers and the supply community.

Last year's ACCE conference drew record attendance thanks to a significantly expanded program with more technical papers, keynote presentations, panel discussions, networking receptions, sponsors, and exhibit space than any previous show in the event's 6-year history. Of those attending last year's conference, **one-third were from transportation OEMs and more than 15% represented Tier suppliers** – extremely desirable numbers for a show like this. Another quarter of those attending identified themselves as being from resin suppliers, compounders, or distributors, or producers of prepregs or sheet-form composites. Additives and reinforcements suppliers and distributors made up another 10% of those who attended the event. The remaining attendees represented machinery OEMs and distributors, consulting firms, testing or engineering services companies, universities, trade associations or engineering societies, media, government agencies, and venture capital / financial-services organizations. Attendees came not only from the United States and Canada, but also from Australia, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The event is sponsored jointly by the SPE Automotive and Composites Divisions.

For more information about the SPE Automotive Composites Conference, visit the Composites' Division website at www.4spe.org/communities/divisions/d39.php, or the Automotive Division's website at www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm, or contact the group at +1.248.244.8993, or write SPE Automotive Division, 1800 Crooks Road, Suite A, Troy, MI 48084, USA.

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