

Support for SMEs through National Composites Centre and Composites UK

The National Composites Centre (NCC) in partnership with Composites UK, the trade association for the UK composites industry, are working together on delivering a package of support for SMEs through roadshow events, tailored company visits, enquiry handling and technical advice.

Companies eligible to apply for support include start-ups, micro companies and SMEs (<250 employees). In doing so, they will have access to the following services:

- A dedicated team for a quick response to queries
- A 'pay-as-you-go' price structure for access to NCC capability
- SME Support Fund 'credits'
- An active presence of SME oriented events in different regions across the UK
- Information packages that link to external sources and providers
- Opportunities to participate in demonstrator projects to provide physical case studies showcasing UK SME products and capability

The partnership also looks to create a network of companies that can help deliver some of the support through the supply chain. For each enquiry, the NCC/CUK team will determine whether the solution is best delivered through NCC, one of the other catapult centres or through the supply chain itself. The aim of the partnership is to strengthen and grow the UK composites sector by helping to pull technology through to industry, push requirements back to academia and rapidly provide commercial solutions through effective referrals

Stella Job, Supply Chain Manager at Composites UK said; "We're working with the NCC to deliver a more comprehensive package of support for SMEs. We can help these companies identify technical challenges that they need to solve to move forward/grow their business."

Nigel Keen, Advanced Management Development Engineer at the National Composites Centre added; "It is important to us to work with the supply chain to deliver the best technology solution to industry whether that be through the NCC, wider HVMC, the supply chain or a combination of both. "

Companies interested in finding out more regarding the SME programme can contact Nigel at the NCC on nigel.keen@nccuk.com or by calling 0117 370 7600.

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About Composites UK:

Composites UK is the Trade Association supporting the UK Composites Industry. Our aim is to support UK industry so that it may continue to grow and participate in the increasingly competitive world of global composite production.

www.compositesuk.co.uk

About the National Composites Centre:

The National Composites Centre provides collaborative, open-access, research, technology and people development, delivering world-class innovation and knowledge transfer for the design, manufacture and application of composites. The NCC Mission is to accelerate the growth of UK industrial output by enabling design and manufacturing enterprises to deliver winning solutions in the application of composites.

The NCC offers:

- Design, analysis and simulation of advanced composites applications
- Product and process development and optimisation
- Prototyping and validation
- Manufacturing, inspection and testing
- Knowledge transfer, training and specialised workshops
- Collaborative and secure working environments

The National Composites Centre supports UK industry to rapidly deploy innovative and cost-effective composites solutions, working with academics, engineers and training providers in industrial-scale Research, Technology and Manufacturing facilities.

The NCC is owned and hosted by the University of Bristol. The NCC is a partner of the High Value Manufacturing Catapult.

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