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S-2 Glass® Reinforcements Now Launching Small Missiles

AIKEN, S.C., March 28, 2006 – After many years as a key material in aerospace and defense applications, *S-2 Glass*® reinforcements are being used in yet another new application. The high performance fibers are now helping to launch a new type of ground-based missile – arrows for bow hunting.

Gordon Composites Inc., Montrose, Colo., a leading manufacturer of composite laminates and bar stock for archery bow limbs, has introduced a new line of billets and machined blanks made with *S-2 Glass* reinforcements from AGY. The new material takes advantage of the stiffness and strain-to-failure performance of *S-2 Glass* to substantially improve bow performance.

“We have been making composite bow components for more than 50 years and *S-2 Glass* has been around for about 37 years,” said Mike Gordon, chief executive officer, Gordon Composites. “Within the past year we came up with a way to put our collective experience and technology together to produce an archery product that is worthy of both names.”

Gordon says bow hunters have been asking for higher strength and fatigue resistance, and the use of *S-2 Glass* reinforcements enabled his company to improve bow stiffness by 18 percent compared to E Glass, and improve strain-to-failure 38 percent compared to E Glass.

“We developed some new proprietary processes in bringing the *S-2 Glass* bow laminate to the market,” says Gordon. “Both companies invested many years of experience and their latest breakthrough technology in developing the new compound bow limb laminate. We worked with our customers to put samples in the field and the feedback has been excellent,” he added.

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Founded in 1953 and now headquartered in Montrose, Colo., Gordon Composites, Inc. is a privately held company that is continually developing the material science of pre-cured composites, which allows the company to offer laminates possessing a superior combination of performance and value that are unmatched in the industry. The company's products power the worlds finest archery bows, enhance the structural safety and performance of buildings and other infrastructure, support material in the finely tuned springs of a massive vibrating conveyor system, and strengthen the masts of the world's fastest racing yachts. Additional information can be found at the company's Website, www.gordoncomposites.com, or by e-mail to todd@gordoncomposites.com.

AGY is a leading global producer of fiberglass yarns and high strength fiberglass reinforcements used in a wide variety of composites applications. Headquartered in Aiken, S.C. (USA), AGY has a European office in Lyon, France, and manufacturing facilities in Aiken, S.C., and Huntingdon, Pa. Additional information may be found at the company's website, www.agy.com, or by email at info@agy.com.

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