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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **ALBANY ENGINEERED COMPOSITES TO ATTEND 2012 FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW**

Rochester, NH, June 8, 2012 – Albany Engineered Composites (AEC) will be exhibiting at the 2012 Farnborough International Air Show, July 9-12, in Farnborough, England. On display will be 3D reinforced LEAP engine components, including the LEAP fan blade and fan case that have been designed and fabricated by AEC. Since 2006, AEC has had an exclusive relationship with SAFRAN Group to develop and manufacture these and other components for the LEAP engine. CFM estimates that the use of AEC composites on the LEAP engine will reduce the weight of each plane by as much as 1,000 pounds. The LEAP is expected to provide up to 15 percent better fuel consumption and an equivalent reduction in CO2 emissions compared to today's aircraft engines.

The LEAP engine is a product of CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between Snecma (Safran group), France and GE, USA. As of May 2012, LEAP orders and commitments measured to more than 3,500 engines. In addition to the LEAP being one of two engine options on the Airbus A320neo, LEAP engines are the exclusive power plants for the Boeing 737 MAX and COMAC C919.

Albany Engineered Composites designs, develops, and manufactures advanced composite components for aerospace, defense, and other high-performance applications and is a subsidiary of Albany International Corp. AEC is headquartered in Rochester, New Hampshire, home to research and technology activities as well as production facilities. The company has additional fabrication and assembly facilities in Boerne, Texas.

Beyond these spaces, AEC is currently expanding its production facilities to support the LEAP program. This expansion includes new production plants in Rochester, New Hampshire (USA) and Commercy, France. AEC and Snecma will be co-located in both facilities. Construction of the Rochester plant - a new 353,000 square foot facility designed for LEAP composites product manufacturing - is currently underway. Construction of the second plant in Commercy, France, is scheduled to begin later in 2012.

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Albany International is a global advanced textiles and materials processing company, with two core businesses. Machine Clothing is the world's leading producer of custom-designed fabrics and belts essential to production in the paper, nonwovens, and other process industries. Albany Engineered Composites is a rapidly growing supplier of highly engineered composite parts for the aerospace industry. In addition, the Company's PrimaLoft® Products is a supplier of high-performance insulation materials for outerwear and home furnishings. Albany International is headquartered in Rochester, New Hampshire, operates 18 plants in 11 countries, employs 4,300 people worldwide, and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (Symbol AIN). Additional information about the Company and its products and services can be found at [www.albint.com](http://www.albint.com).

More information on AEC may be found at [www.albint.com/aec](http://www.albint.com/aec).

AEC's Farnborough Press Kit may be found at this [link](#).