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Norplex-Micarta Invests in State-of-the-Art Dielectric Test Equipment

POSTVILLE, IA – Norplex-Micarta, the leading manufacturer of high performance thermoset composites, has recently invested in new state-of-the-art dielectric test equipment for its in-house material testing laboratory. As part of its 1.5 million dollar capital growth expenditure over recent months, the company has installed a new Phoenix Technologies AC Dielectric Test System (Model 6CCE100-5/D149X) to measure dielectric properties in composites used for electrical insulation applications.

Dielectric testing determines the voltage intensity a material can be exposed to before it begins to break down. Dielectric strength is tested by inserting copper electrodes into a composite and gradually increasing the voltage to extremely high levels until the composite dielectrically breaks down. This test simulates the environmental factors that an electrical insulation composite would undergo on a daily basis.

Testing can be conducted on any of Norplex-Micarta's cured composites, including tubing, sheet, and molded products. Norplex-Micarta's composites are used in various electrical applications, including motors, generators, control devices, and power distribution units.



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About Norplex-Micarta

Norplex-Micarta is the leading manufacturer of high performance thermoset composites. Norplex-Micarta's vast product line serves power generation, military/aerospace, oil & gas, medical device, electrical device, electronics assembly, construction, heavy industry, and transportation markets throughout Europe, Asia/Pacific, and The Americas. Norplex-Micarta is located at 665 Lybrand Street, Postville, IA 52162; Tel: 563-864-7321; Fax: 563-864-4231; E-mail: info@norplex-micarta.com; Web: www.norplex-micarta.com.

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