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Scaled Composites VP To Speak About SpaceShipOne At SPE-ANTEC 2006 In Charlotte

Kevin Mickey to address attendees on Monday, May 8, 2006 at SPE-ANTEC

Brookfield, CT – The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is pleased to announce that Kevin Mickey, vice president of program management for Scaled Composites, the company that built the record-breaking SpaceShipOne spacecraft, will be a plenary speaker at SPE-ANTEC 2006.

SPE-ANTEC 2006 will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Charlotte Convention Center from May 7-11, 2006. Mr. Mickey will address ANTEC attendees on Monday, May 8, 2006.

“We’re delighted to welcome Kevin Mickey to SPE-ANTEC 2006 and look forward to hearing his insight about SpaceShipOne’s remarkable feat, and how Scaled Composites will continue to push the envelope for private space flight,” says Susan Oderwald, executive director of SPE.

Rocketing Into History

On Monday, October 4, 2004, SpaceShipOne became the first privately-manned spacecraft to exceed an altitude of 328,000 feet twice within the span of a 14-day period, thus claiming the ten million dollar Ansari X-Prize. SpaceShipOne’s second flight, piloted by Brian Binnie, program business manager and test pilot at Scaled Composites, reached an altitude of 367,442 feet (69.6 miles), breaking the August 22, 1963 record held by Joseph A. Walker.

The Ansari X-Prize was the first space incentive prize - a \$10,000,000 prize - designed to jumpstart the personal spaceflight industry through competition among the most talented entrepreneurs and rocket experts in the world.

Richard Branson’s Virgin Galactic

In conjunction with their work on SpaceShipOne, billionaire airline owner Sir Richard Branson previously announced plans to have Scaled Composites develop a commercial “spaceliner”. Branson’s Virgin Galactic, is a company that expects to fly suborbital flights for tourists in the future, and in as early as 2007 or 2008.

For More Information

For more information, please visit SPE-ANTEC 2006’s website: www.anteconline.com or contact Lesley Kyle, SPE’s senior event manager, 203.740.5452, email: lskyle@4spe.org

About Kevin Mickey

Kevin Mickey is vice president of program management for Scaled Composites, an aerospace and specialty composites company. Mr. Mickey was involved with Scaled Composites’ SpaceShipOne, the spacecraft that broke previous altitude records for privately manned spacecraft. Prior to his work with Scaled Composites, Mr. Mickey was program coordinator at Lockheed Advanced Development Company (Skunk Works), and also previously served as manufacturing technician at Scaled Composites. Mr. Mickey has top-secret security clearance with the U.S. Department of Defense, holds an MBA in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a BS in Business, Technical Management from the University of LaVerne.

About Scaled Composites LLC

Scaled Composites, LLC is an aerospace and specialty composites development company located in Mojave, California (about 80 miles north of Los Angeles). Founded in 1982 by Burt

Rutan, Scaled Composites has broad experience in air vehicle design, tooling, manufacturing, specialty composite structure design, analysis, fabrication and developmental flight test.

About SPE-ANTEC

SPE-ANTEC (Annual Technical Conference) is sponsored by the Society of Plastics Engineers, and is the leading technical forum for providing cutting-edge technological issues and information pertinent to the needs of the plastics industry. Held only once a year, multiple peer-reviewed technical papers will be presented providing plastics professionals with unique inside access to proprietary research and findings.

About SPE

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