

Gurit reinforces its long-standing commitment to High Performance Yacht Design Conference

Auckland, New Zealand, February 23, 2015 – Gurit (SIX Swiss Exchange: GUR), a worldwide leading developer and manufacturer of advanced composites and technologies, is delighted to announce sponsorship of the High Performance Yacht Design Conference to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, at the Viaduct Marine Events Centre, from March 9 to 11, 2015.

During the [Volvo Ocean Race](#) stopover, the world's top design talent is congregating at the fifth [High Performance Yacht Design](#) (HPYD) international conference in Auckland. Organized by the New Zealand chapter of The Royal Institute of Naval Architects (RINA) and the University of Auckland, the world leading conference will cover all topics relating to high performance power and sailing yachts and will host an international group of scientists, designers and academics.

Gurit has been associated with HPYD since its inception and is very proud to reinforce its involvement by a gold sponsorship in 2015. The company's connection and history with HPYD has seen a multitude and depth of boating- and marine-passionate Gurit presenters and contributors as well as participants in the organizing committee and the technical review panel over the years.

The company brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this event. Currently, the company's New Zealand engineers are both members of RINA and active yachtsmen. Dr Raphael Gerard, one of Gurit's Auckland-based Design Engineers, will give a presentation on improved fatigue test methods for foam cores and how to better characterize their long-term behavior in shell structures subjected to high stress at a large number cycles on March 10, 2015, at 09:30 am.

Dr Paolo Manganeli, one of Gurit's Europe-based Senior Design Engineers will present the challenges and opportunities when fitting the Volvo Ocean Fleet with a set of load measuring devices on March 10, 2015, at 04.30 pm. This ground breaking project, on which Gurit has worked closely with the Yacht's builder Green Marine, will provide an un-paralleled level of insight into frequency and magnitude of the loads these high performance boats experience when under sail.

The high performance yacht industry was one of the early adaptors of advanced composite construction and was a proving ground for many of the materials, processes and analytical methods used in the composite industry today. The industry requires incredibly light weight and efficient structures that are also exposed to

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extremely high loads and need to perform on the world's toughest oceans. Based on its heritage of more than 35 years of leadership in the marine market, Gurit has successfully transferred this experience into a variety of composite materials, engineering, tooling, parts and systems.

Gurit is the Official Composite Materials Supplier of the Volvo Ocean Race 2014/2015, for the repair and maintenance of the VOR 65 fleet.

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