

Gurit Congratulates Aston Martin on its Centenary Year

20 May 2013, Gurit (SWX Swiss Exchange: GUR), a leading global manufacturer and supplier of composite materials, engineering, tooling, parts and systems and thus a leading manufacturer of carbon fibre based Class-A composite body panels for the automotive industry, is proud to congratulate its first automotive customer and technology development partner Aston Martin on its centenary year.

Gurit has been developing technical solutions for composite automotive systems with Aston Martin since 2003 and has been supplying Aston Martin with Class-A composite body panels since 2007 for the DB9, DBS, V12 Vantage Volante models and, most recently, the Vanquish.

The Vanquish is the flagship of a superlative Aston Martin range. With carbon fibre body work, manufactured by Gurit, sculpted to aesthetic and aerodynamic perfection, it defines a new breed of Super Grand Tourer. Gurit manufactures the carbon fibre based Class-A composite front wings, bonnets, door skins, complete body sides and boot lids.

Martin Starkey, Managing Director at Gurit Automotive, comments: "Over the last 100 years Aston Martin has established a well-deserved reputation for innovation and engineering excellence in the design and manufacture of its cars. The team at Gurit is extremely proud of what Aston Martin has achieved, especially in more recent years, with its use of advanced Class-A composites and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Aston Martin on this important milestone in its history. The striking design of the Vanquish, combined with extensive use of advanced composite Class-A body panels is a real testament to what can now be achieved."

Gurit has been supplying leading automotive OEMs since 2007, from its automotive composite parts production facility based in Newport (Isle of Wight, UK). Originally established to supply Aston Martin with carbon fibre panels for the DBS, the strength of Gurit's technology combined with the sustained performance of the facility were key factors in Gurit securing further OEM programmes in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The development of innovative technology is the defining strength of Gurit and is enabled by the unique understanding of composite materials, structural design and materials processing. This knowledge base provides the capability to formulate, design, prototype and manufacture fully assembled, primed and coloured exterior body panels. Gurit – Delivering the future of Composite Solutions!

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