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# PRESS RELEASE

## Composites Universal Group Announces New Job Growth

*Advanced aviation and aerospace manufacturer provides jobs and innovation at the expanding Scappoose airport*

**Scappoose, Oregon – March 3, 2008:** Composites Universal Group today announced the company has recently created and filled 19 job openings. This is only the first wave of hiring in 2008, with the company anticipating several more job openings later this year. The additional staffing is needed to support growing demand for manufacturer of sophisticated composite components for the aeronautics, aerospace, transportation, marine and racing industries.

Composites Universal Group is at the front of Scappoose airport expansion, and according to President and CEO, Steve Ruege, this year looks to be a bellwether for the company. "We are a small business striving to grow in spite of the recent economic hard times," says Ruege. "In the past we've been subject to market demand fluctuations, but our suite of key customers has become much more stable and we have expanded our customer base in more diverse markets, like transportation and marine, which has positioned us for steady job growth and expansion."

Indeed, Composites anticipates creating another six to 10 new jobs over the coming months. And with more business and more jobs being created, the company is enthusiastic about the boost to the local economy and the upswing in economic growth in Columbia County.

"We are proud to be able to employ workers from our local area. It's a substantial way to give back to the community," says Anita Miller, Human Resources Manager. "Many times we provide employment in Columbia County for skilled professionals that might otherwise need to commute into Portland or Hillsboro. More often we train and educate individuals on the job so they can provide for their family and possibly improve their lifestyle. Any way you look at it, it's a win-win situation."

People applying for work at Composites Universal Group should have good math skills, experience in the manufacturing or construction industries, and passion for high performance, high quality vehicles and engineering. To inquire about potential employment contact Cardinal Services at 503-366-1940.



Photo: Viperjet MKII recently manufactured by Composites Universal Group

### **About Composites Universal Group**

Composites Universal Group was founded in 1994 by Charles Harrison and Steven Ruege to provide high quality composite tools, components, and assemblies to the experimental aircraft industry. Since its inception, Composites Universal Group has grown to become a supplier of composite manufacturing services for the aeronautics, aerospace, transportation, marine and racing industries. Composites Universal Group works constantly to incorporate LEAN manufacturing principles and technologies into its manufacturing processes resulting in higher quality, lower cost products for its customers.

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