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 **Michelman Prepares to Further Advance Excellence in Lightweight Production**

CINCINNATI, OH (March 6, 2018) – Michelman is pleased to announce that it will become a partner of AZL Aachen GmbH. Michelman is looking forward to working in close cooperation with this organization along with the entire lightweight industry’s value chain to drive innovation in composite production.

Mike Annis, Vice President of Michelman’s Industrial Manufacturing Group noted, “Nothing is more important to Michelman than advancing the composites industry and helping our customers be more successful. Our future partnership with AZL will help us do this. Michelman’s leading position as a [sizing](http://www.michelman.com/Industrial-Manufacturing/Reinforced-Plastic-Composites/Fiber-Sizing/?utm_source=PR&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_campaign=AZL_Partnership) and surface treatment expert will provide us an opportunity to contribute to joint research and development efforts focused on identifying the best sizing / fiber / resin combinations to enhance composite properties such as increased heat, impact, and fatigue resistance appropriate for a broad range of end-use applications in the automotive, aerospace, and electronics industries.”

Michelman’s latest move is part of its multi-year investment and partnership strategy to further advance and improve composite development throughout the industry. They have recently joined IACMI and the University of Delaware’s Center for Composite Materials, along with announcing strategic partnerships with Mafic and Engineered Fibers Technology, LLC.

To learn more about Michelman’s multi-year strategy, please visit JEC World 2018 at Pavilion #6, Booth K83 at the Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre.

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**[About Michelman](http://www.michelman.com/?utm_source=PR&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_campaign=AZL_Partnership)**

Michelman is a global developer and manufacturer of environmentally friendly advanced materials for industry, offering solutions for the coatings, printing & packaging and industrial manufacturing markets. The company’s surface additives and polymeric binders are used by leading manufacturers around the world to enhance performance attributes and add value in applications including wood and floor care products, metal and industrial coatings, paints, varnishes, inks, fibers and composites. Michelman is also well-known as an innovator in the development of barrier and functional coatings, as well as digital printing press primers that are used in the production of consumer and industrial packaging and paper products, labels, and commercially printed materials. Michelman serves its customers with production facilities in North America, Europe and Asia, product development and technical service centers in several major global markets, and a worldwide team of highly trained business development personnel.

**[About AZL Aachen GmbH](https://azl-aachen-gmbh.de/?utm_source=PR&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_campaign=AZL_Partnership)**

AZL Aachen GmbH provides industrial services in the areas of engineering, consultancy and project management, networking and business development. With the AZL Partnership, the AZL Aachen GmbH enables the close cooperation between the lightweight industry and the research institutes of RWTH Aachen Campus along the whole value chain. The AZL Partner Network consists of more than 70 industrial partners representing the entire lightweight production value chain from the raw material producer, over molders, manufacturing equipment suppliers, Tier 1 and Tier 2 to OEMs.

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