

Molded Fiber Glass Companies

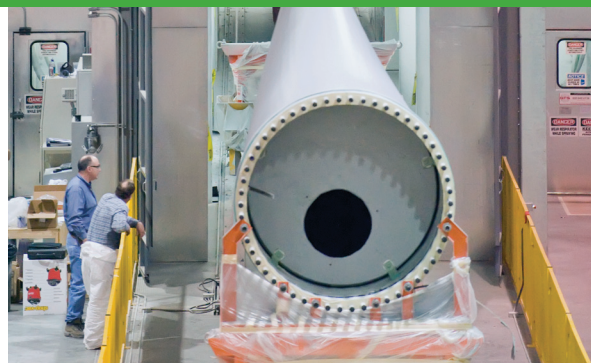
Molded Fiber Glass Services Span the Lifecycle of Wind Turbine Components

From a beginning in Ashtabula, Ohio in 1948, Molded Fiber Glass (MFG) has risen to a large globally recognized composites manufacturing company consisting of 16 separate business entities and 13 manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and Mexico. In addition to manufacturing, MFG engages in product improvement and development at the company's Research and Design Centers.

According to Gary Kanaby, Director of Wind Energy Sales at MFG, "We customize other peoples' products and make them better, stronger, and safer. We also produce and sell our own proprietary products directly into the market as a tier one supplier." MFG has a dedicated wind energy workforce of 700, and wind energy revenues that represent approximately 45-50% of total company sales.

MFG entered the wind energy industry in 1987 as a blade manufacturer. Today, Kanaby reports that MFG is one of the largest independent manufacturers of wind turbine composite products in North America. "With today's environment, we were fortunate to have the help of a key partner – General Electric (GE). In 2007, MFG agreed to produce GE wind turbine blades out of a new 400,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The MFG South Dakota teammates continue to demonstrate how such long-term relationships benefit both MFG and our valued customers." However, even with a partner like GE to help reduce investment and market risk, Kanaby's advice to others is, "Work closely with AWEA to get the manufacturing voice heard on Capitol Hill."

To counter such challenges, MFG has expanded into field service and warranty work for blade and wind turbine components. Kanaby says their vision is to become a one-stop, premium resource for 'all things composite' – across the entire lifespan of a wind turbine. "The mission at MFG Wind is to be a fully resourced composites partner to the wind industry, at every stage of the lifecycle."



Molded Fiber Glass Companies – leaders in the field of reinforced plastics and composites serving the wind energy, automotive, heavy truck, defense, construction, material handling and water treatment markets.

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