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SPE® AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (ACCE) ANNOUNCES “CALL FOR NOMINATIONS” FOR INNOVATIVE PARTS COMPETITION AT 2020 EVENT

TROY (DETROIT) MICH.- The organizing committee for the SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition (ACCE) today issued a call for nominations for its annual innovative parts competition at the group's 2020 conference, September 9-11 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan. Any registered conference participant (speaker, sponsor/exhibitor, or attendee) may nominate original equipment or aftermarket composite parts on passenger vehicles, light trucks and heavy trucks from any geography. Prototype parts are also eligible. Companies, organizations and universities are all encouraged to participate and get recognized for their innovative production parts or prototypes. The vehicle producer must give permission and the part must be brought to the SPE ACCE for a formal review by judges. A total of five prizes will be awarded including four for the most innovative Production Part and Prototype Part in Materials Innovation and Process Innovation categories (selected by judges who are industry experts and members of the SPE ACCE planning committee) and one People's Choice award (selected by conference attendees) — with winning teams receiving recognition and a trophy after lunch on the last day of the show.

Nomination abstracts are due July 30, 2020 and should be emailed to teri@intuitgroup.com.

More information and Nomination instructions may be found at:

<http://speautomotive.com/acce-conference>

The ACCE draws over 800 speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and attendees and provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion, education and networking about advances in transportation composites. Its global appeal is evident in the diversity of exhibitors, speakers, and attendees who come to the conference from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia/Pacific as well as North America. About 20% of the attendees (160 approx.) work for automotive and light truck, agriculture, truck & bus or aviation OEMs. Approximately 25% (200 approx.) of the attendees work for tiers including molders and material suppliers. The balance of attendees work for composite materials processing equipment, additives, or reinforcement suppliers; trade associations, consultancies, university and government labs; media; and investment banks. The show has been jointly produced by the SPE Automotive and Composites Divisions since 2001.

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