

## ALEC<sup>2</sup> Helping Pilot Shipbuilding Industry Toward a Lighter and Fireproof Future With Unique Composite Material Option

Disruptive ceramic composite material helps navigate ways to greater fire safety and lighter weights as a circular option for the shipbuilding world.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA, October 7, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ALEC<sup>2</sup> Helping Pilot the Shipbuilding Industry Towards Superior Fireproofing, Weight Reducing and the Circular Future with Revolutionary Ceramic Composite Material

The shipbuilding composite material landscape is shifting, with the industry facing a critical crossroads – balancing reducing weight and improving



onboard fire safety with enhancing environmental performance. WT&C, a leading business development firm, is proudly helping to navigate this course by unveiling ALEC<sup>2</sup>, a revolutionary ceramic composite material poised to reshape the future circularity of fireproof shipbuilding

composite materials and sustainability.

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The shipbuilding industry faces a critical choice: prioritize weight, fire safety and the planet. ALEC<sup>2</sup> offers a solution that doesn't require compromise. ALEC<sup>2</sup> is playing a very important role."

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Weight Reduction and Fireproof – A Marked Improvement in Light Weighting combined with Improving Fire Safety ALEC<sup>2</sup> is a testament to material science ingenuity, boasting an unprecedented combination of fire proofing and remarkable lightness compared to steel and aluminum. Unlike traditional composites, ALEC<sup>2</sup> do not use any polymers, does not ignite or burn, offering unparalleled safety for ships' crew and passengers:

• Zero Burn Rate – Upon contact with flame, ALEC<sup>2</sup> does not ignite and stops fire spread, ensuring vessel safety and

the well-being of personnel onboard.

 Lightweight – Specific steel and aluminum applications can now use a unique composite, ALEC<sup>2</sup> that generates no flame, no toxic fumes or harmful chemicals during a fire event, further minimizing environmental impact awhile enhancing people and assets safety.



Simple Shapes - floor, ceiling, wall panels

• Extreme Heat Resilience - With a softening temperature exceeding

1,000°C, ALEC<sup>2</sup> provides exceptional thermal insulation and is designed for surviving extreme fire and heat conditions.

ALEC<sup>2</sup> also has an incredibility lower density compared to steel, approximately one-fifth that of aluminum and one-third that of carbon fiber composites, which makes it a lightweight champion, paving the way for:

## Fuel Efficiency Redefined

Lighter vessels mean reduced fuel consumption and diminished greenhouse gas emissions. This aligns seamlessly with the industry's push towards lower operating costs and increased sustainability.

Circular, Green and Sustainable - ALEC<sup>2</sup> Uses in a Circular Composite Economy Beyond being an engineering feat, ALEC<sup>2</sup> is also new class of composite with complete circularity and promotes increased environmental responsibility. Created from ~85% recycled industrial waste, it paves the way for a sustainable future based on the core principles of the circular composite economy: 100% recyclable and reusable.

Seamlessly integrated with established recycling processes, ALEC<sup>2</sup> creates no waste while its reliance on recycled materials eliminates dependence on virgin resources, protecting the planet for generations to come.

Beyond its material science innovation, ALEC<sup>2</sup> champions and promotes environmental responsibility:

- Closed-Loop System ALEC<sup>2</sup> operates in a closed-loop system, allowing for regeneration and reuse, eliminating the need for costly and complex open-loop recycling.
- Economic Viability ALEC<sup>2</sup> is environmentally friendly and commercially viable, offering higher financial benefits and lower real cost (considering total system LCA) compared to incumbent composite technologies and metals.
- Simplification ALEC<sup>2</sup>'s closed-loop system simplifies the recycling process, minimizing the need for challenging and uneconomical post-manufacturing recovery steps associated with currently used polymer-based composites.

ALEC<sup>2</sup>'s Versatility Sparks Innovation

ALEC<sup>2</sup>'s versatility makes it a game-changer for diverse shipbuilding applications:

- Nail-ability and Bondability - ALEC<sup>2</sup> integrates with existing construction methods, facilitating simple and seamless adoption and customization.

- Sandwich Structure Synergy - ALEC<sup>2</sup>'s adaptability allows for creating lightweight, fireproof sandwich structures. This makes it ideal for engine rooms, room panels, cargo containers and more.

- Suitable for Complex Shapes – ALEC<sup>2</sup> can be used for intricate molded designs with no or minimal pressure.

Future Proof Solution that Addresses Key Shipbuilding Industry Challenges ALEC<sup>2</sup> is designed to provide a unique and significant improvement for the critical weight reduction combined with fireproofing material challenges faced by the shipbuilding industry:

Difficulties with Composites' Circularity

ALEC<sup>2</sup>'s closed-loop system provides a solution to the complex, expensive and resource-intensive nature of recycling traditional composites.

ALEC<sup>2</sup>'s weight reduction and fireproof performance make it important in securing the future of the composites industry in shipbuilders' environmentally footprint challenges and in our regulatory demanding world.

With ALEC<sup>2</sup>, Fireproof and light weight combine into reality.

## About WT&C

WT&C, a leading business development firm, partners with ARIS Inc., the visionary creators of ALEC<sup>2</sup>, a disruptive and innovative fireproof and acoustic ceramic composite. Through collaborative efforts, WT&C empowers clients across shipbuilding, aerospace, and electrified transportation to achieve their innovation goals and build a better a safer and more sustainable future.

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