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European Rebar Council Welcomes Japanese Composites Research Centre as New Partner

Partnership signals growing global momentum for GFRP rebar adoption

The European Rebar Council (ERC) is pleased to announce that the Innovative Composite Materials Research and Development Center (ICC), part of the Kanazawa Institute of Technology (KIT) in Japan, has joined the ERC as a partner organization.

The ICC is one of Japan's leading composite materials innovation platforms, undertaking research and development, education, and industrial collaboration across the full composites process cycle -- from material development and manufacturing processes through to structural evaluation and engineering. Notably, ICC is actively developing high-speed pultrusion processes for rod manufacturing with broad infrastructure applications, capabilities that align directly with the ERC's mission to advance the use of glass fiber reinforced polymer (GFRP) rebar in the built environment.
The partnership represents a significant step in extending the ERC's network into the Asia-Pacific region and reflects the growing international recognition of GFRP rebar as a durable, corrosion-resistant alternative to conventional steel reinforcement.

Professor Kiyoshi Uzawa, Director of ICC, commented:
"We are delighted to join the European Rebar Council as a partner. ICC is committed to advancing composite materials research and its practical application across infrastructure and construction. Collaboration with ERC will strengthen our work in this area and help build important bridges between research communities in Japan and Europe."

Chris Skinner, Chair of the European Rebar Council, said:
"We warmly welcome ICC to the ERC partnership. Japan has a strong culture of materials innovation, and ICC's expertise in composites research, manufacturing processes, and industrial collaboration makes them an outstanding addition to our network. This partnership will support our shared goal of accelerating the adoption of GFRP rebar globally."

About the European Rebar Council (ERC)
The ERC is the leading European body dedicated to promoting the use of fibre reinforced polymer rebar as a sustainable and high-performance solution for concrete reinforcement. The ERC brings together manufacturers, researchers, engineers, and institutions to advance standards, knowledge, and market development across Europe and beyond. www.european-rebar-council.eu (http://www.european-rebar-council.eu/)

About ICC -- Kanazawa Institute of Technology
The Innovative Composite Materials Research and Development Center (ICC) at Kanazawa Institute of Technology (KIT), a private university located in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. ICC operates as one of Japan's largest composite materials innovation platforms, supporting research and development, education, and global industrial collaboration in the field of composite materials. http://www.icc-kit.jp/en