

Sailrocket Breaks Outright World Speed Sailing Record

Holder of world speed sailing record features Gurit materials

20 November 2012, Isle of Wight, UK – SP-High Modulus, the marine business of Gurit would like to congratulate the Vestas Sailrocket team on breaking the outright world speed sailing record this past Friday. SP-High Modulus have been involved with the Sailrocket project from the very early stages and supplied materials, along with technical services to the project.

On Friday 16th November the Vestas Sailrocket team reached speeds of 59.23 knots (around 70mph) over the 500metre course at Walvis Bay in Namibia. Sailrocket's peak speed during the record breaking run was an amazing 62.53 knots in winds of just 25 knots. The outright world speed sailing record is set by taking the average speed of a craft between two points set 500 metres apart. The previous record stood at 55.65 knots (around 64mph). Sailrocket has added now another almost 4 knots!

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Paul Goddard, General Manager Marine at SP-High Modulus, commented: "Everyone at SP-High Modulus is delighted that Sailrocket team have achieved their goal of breaking the world speed sailing record. The team have put in a lot of work to make this happen and we congratulate them on their achievement."

More information on the Sailrocket project can be found at www.sailrocket.com

Further information on SP-High Modulus is available at www.gurit.com/marine.

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