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Press release

Sauber F1 Team launching customer for MetalFAB1 Process & Application Development Tool

Additive Industries and Sauber F1 Team enter into 3 year technology partnership

Eindhoven (The Netherlands) / Hinwil (Switzerland) – At Rapid.Tech in Erfurt, Germany, one of the leading 3D printing conferences, Additive Industries and Sauber F1 Team have announced that Sauber will be the launching customer for the MetalFAB1 Process & Application Development Tool. This launching customership is part of a three year technology partnership between the two companies. Steffen Schrodtt, Head of Wind Tunnel Operations at Sauber F1 Team and Christoph Hansen responsible for additive manufacturing presented this partnership during their key-note speech at Rapid.Tech. Sauber F1 Team, a long-term expert in 3D polymer printing will invest in two industrial MetalFAB1 3D metal printing systems over the course of two years to expand their additive manufacturing competences to the metal domain. These Process & Application Development Tools will be upgraded later to full size integrated multi-material MetalFAB1 systems for series production. Additive Industries will support the additive manufacturing team of Sauber in ramping up the capacity and quickly climb the learning curve to 3D print parts for the Sauber F1 race cars as well as third party applications.

The partnership with Sauber F1 Team underlines the ambition of Additive Industries to become a leading 3D metal printing system manufacturer in demanding markets like aerospace, automotive, medical implants and high tech equipment. “We are honoured to be invited to join the Sauber F1 Team as a Technology Partner. Sauber has been the launch pad for champions for decades, Michael Schumacher, Kimi Räikkönen, Felipe Massa and Sebastian Vettel all started their careers at this unique private Swiss team. The professionalism of the Sauber F1 Team as well as their drive for technological innovation, they own one of the most advanced automotive wind tunnels in the world, fits beautifully with our quest for industrial excellence”, said Daan Kersten, CEO of Additive Industries. “We are delighted to welcome Additive Industries on board as our new technological partner at the Sauber F1 Team. Since this innovative fabrication technology is still in the early stages of industrialisation, it is an ideal moment for us to take on this challenge with our new partner. By doing so, we will gain and develop the necessary know-how in this area. It is our mission to set new standards”, added Sauber F1 Team CEO & Team Principal, Monisha Kaltenborn.

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Photographs and renderings of the MetalFAB1 system as well as the Sauber F1 Race car can be found on the Press page of the www.additiveindustries.com website.

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About Additive Industries

Additive Industries is dedicated to bringing metal additive manufacturing for functional parts from lab to fab by offering a modular 3D printing system, MetalFAB1, and seamlessly integrated information platform, Additive World Platform, to high-end and demanding industrial markets. With substantially improved reproducibility, productivity, and flexibility, Additive Industries redefines the business case for series production of additive manufacturing applications in aerospace, automotive, medical technology and high-tech equipment.

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About Sauber F1 Team

This year the Sauber F1 Team celebrates its 25th anniversary in the Formula One. In 1993 Sauber entered the pinnacle of motorsport. Among the team's F1 highlights have been a fourth-place finish in the Constructors' World Championship in 2001 as an independent team and – in partnership with BMW – a one-two finish in the 2008 Canadian Grand Prix on the way to third place in the constructors' standings that year. In 2010 Sauber became an independent outfit once again. Since July 2016, the Sauber F1 Team is owned by Longbow Finance S.A.