Airbus APWorks purchases first MetalFAB1 system and embarks the Additive Industries Beta Programme

Dutch 3D metal printing start-up lands launching customer

Airbus APWorks, a 100% subsidiary of the Airbus Group, has placed an order with Additive Industries for their first industrial 3D metal printing system, MetalFAB1. Airbus APWorks is the first confirmed Beta customer for Additive Industries and brings a broad range of experience with metal additive manufacturing. They cover the entire value chain, from optimizing component design to the choice of suitable materials, from prototyping to qualified serial production. Airbus APWorks supplies demanding customers in robotics, mechanical engineering, automotive, medical technology and aerospace.

‘We are proud to team up with Airbus as our first customer to further develop the process, new materials and applications as well as verifying the performance of the MetalFAB1 system. Their commitment emphasizes the potential of our new metal additive manufacturing system for industrial series production of functional parts’, said Daan Kersten, co-founder and CEO of Additive Industries. ‘With the integrated MetalFAB1 solution, we believe to be able to simultaneously improve the product consistency and lower the cost price for metal additive manufacturing’, adds Joachim Zettler, Managing Director of Airbus APWorks.

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Photographs and renderings of the MetalFAB1 system can be found on the Press Room section 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 and seamlessly integrated information platform to high-end and demanding industrial markets. With substantially improved reproducibility, productivity, and flexibility, Additive Industries redefines the business case for additive manufacturing applications in aerospace, automotive, medical technology and high-tech equipment.

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About Airbus APWorks
As a 100 % subsidiary of the Airbus Group, Airbus APWorks is familiar with modern production processes, and makes proven aerospace technologies accessible in many different industries. In metallic 3D printing or additive manufacturing they cover the entire value chain, from optimized component design to the choice of suitable materials, from prototyping to qualified serial production. Their customers in robotics, mechanical engineering, automotive, medical technology and aerospace benefit from all the advantages that additive manufacture has to offer – the shortest possible production times, lower weight and lower materials consumption. 3D printing also allows much more complex geometries than were previously possible. In addition to additive manufacturing, Airbus APWorks markets innovative projects and technologies from Airbus Group Innovations.