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Workshop on NDT & SHM Requirements for Wind Turbines

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Welcome and Introduction

Prof. Robert Smith, University of Bristol
Director of RCNDE and BINDT Past President

- Tony Fong, ORE Catapult

- BINDT Workshops on NDT Requirements
 - Regulators, insurers, operators, manufacturers and NDT community.
 - Follows four previous NDT requirements workshops:



Session 1 – Understanding the industry Part 1

11.15 Coffee/tea

Session 1 – Understanding the industry Part 2

12:45 LUNCH

Session 2 – Design, failure modes and effect of defects

15:10 Tea/coffee

Session 3 – NDT/SHM/CM experiences from the field Part 1

16:30 CLOSE

Session 3 – NDT/SHM/CM experiences from the field Part 2

10.30 Coffee/tea

Tour of Blyth Wind Turbine Demonstrator

12:30 LUNCH

Session 4 – Potential future NDT and SHM improvements

Session 5 – Breakout session (4 groups of ~10, 15-minute rotation)

15:15 Tea/coffee

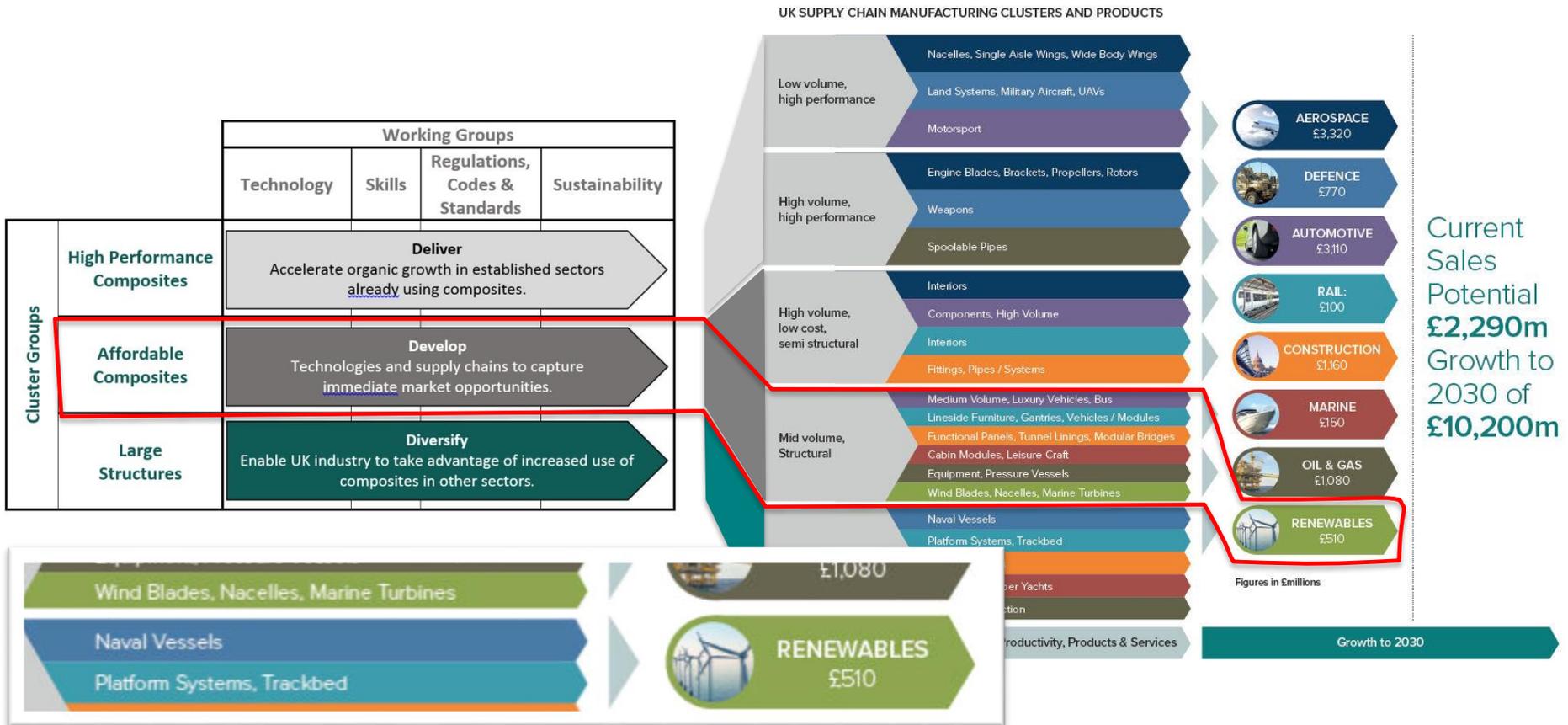
Session 6 – Panel session

16:30 END of WORKSHOP

UK Composites – Market Opportunities



CLF Strategy Delivery



Breakout Groups (of 10 people)

| | Breakout stations: 15 minutes at each | Leader |
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| 1. | Requirements for manufacturers | Peter Thayer, RCNDE |
| 2. | In-service requirements for composite blades | Tony Fong, ORE Catapult |
| 3. | In-service requirements for non-blade structures | Colin Brett, Uniper |
| 4. | Potential for new NDT, CM and SHM. | Richard Freemantle, Wavelength NDT |

- NDT to life prediction transfer function
 - Operational data too
- Design/cert – unknown unknowns affect design
 - could benefit from better information
 - Benefit taken in reduced weight
 - Assumptions being made about NDT capability
- Wrinkles –
 - if know curvature can predict strength using FE model
 - Need to characterise wrinkles

- Insufficient to look at surface effect.
 - Automated screening. – time crucial.
 - Remove delay on as many blades as possible.
 - Short delay is costly. Worth having better NDT.
 - Needing operator input causes delays
 - Sensors during manufacture eg Bragg gratings has been tried but could be developed
 - Data, machine learning, processing, AI.
 - Filtering data to present relevant info – what is relevant to end user?
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- Practicalities of NDT equipment, deployment, logistics.
 - Automated/robotic deployment
 - CM/SHM offers benefits over NDT in-service.
 - Targeted
 - GW.
 - Data
 - Identify important specific data
 - Failure modes – need to understand these to know what to monitor
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- Identify inspection locations and rank them, defect types.
 - Designers to take on board and specify this.
 - Design to feed through to in-service requirements.
- How to measure – what parameters?
 - Establish correlation between parameters and knock-down.
 - May be material dependent, as is the NDT!
- Damage tolerant design.
 - Monitoring and analysis of flawed state – inspection intervals
 - Design – what tolerance is built in?

- Blade repairs
 - Return to service
 - Best practice guidance