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To: SSA – ALL MEMBERS

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From: Julie Robson Circular Number: G050210A

Subject: CO-Patch project has begun

Dear Members,

CO- PATCH composite patch repair for marine and civil engineering infrastructure applications.

The CO-PATCH project has begun, involving 15 small and medium enterprises and research and technology development organisations funded by the European Commission, with the intention of developing a novel, effective repair/ reinforcement method for defects of large steel structures.

For several years, composite patching has proven its effectivemess an cost benefit in the aerospace industry.

There are several fundamental differences between aerospace and bridge/ marine/ offshore steel applications which dictate a separate approach and investigation of the problem.

Please find attached the CO-PATCH project information pack. Contact Dr Martyn Lightfoot for any information 0191 5678965 <u>martyn@ssa.org.uk</u>

Kind Regards Julie Robson