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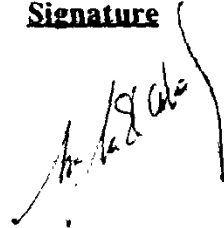
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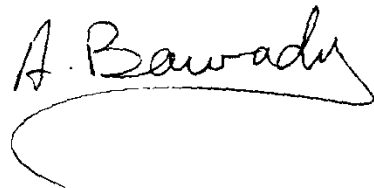
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 ARABIC SUMMARY	

NOMENCLATURE

Symbol	Significance	Unit
a	inner radius of cylinder	[m]
b	outer radius of cylinder	[m]
C	stiffness	[GPa]
E	Young's Modulus	[GPa]
G	shear Modulus	[GPa]
h	laminate thickness	[m]
P_b	burst pressure	[MPa]
Q	stiffness	[Gpa]
$q(i)$	internal pressure	[MPa]
$q(e)$	external pressure	[MPa]
R	strength ratio	-----
S	longitudinal shear strength	[GPa]
V_f	volume fraction of fiber	-----
V_m	volume fraction of matrix	-----
X	longitudinal tensile strength	[GPa]
X'	longitudinal compressive strength	[GPa]
Y	transverse tensile strength	[GPa]

Y'	transverse compressive strength	[GPa]
ϵ	strain	-----
ν	Poisson's ratio	-----
ρ	specific density	[kg/m ³]
σ	stress	[MPa]
σ_r	radial stress	[MPa]
σ_θ	hoop stress	[MPa]
σ_z	axial stress	[MPa]
f	index for fiber properties	
m	index for matrix properties	
z, θ, r	cylindrical coordinates	
$1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$	off-axis coordinates	
x, y, z, t, u, s	on-axis coordinates	