

Industry Focus

LATICRETE Adopts New Tagline

LATICRETE announced a new corporate tagline, “Globally Proven Construction Solutions,” to more accurately represent current and future company focus. The main drive behind the change is LATICRETE’s expanded offerings of many construction-related solutions. Originally a manufacturer and marketer of installation systems for tile and stone, LATICRETE has since grown in response to the constant changes in the construction world. In 2011, they acquired **DRYTEK® Flooring Solutions, LLC**, and **SUPERCAP** to further spread their reach in the concrete market.

Clark Pacific Expands Structural Precast Offerings

Clark Pacific recently completed the acquisition of the California assets of **Hanson Structural Precast**, a division of **Hanson Building Products North America**. The assets include a plant in Irwindale, CA, which has been in continuous operation since 1968, and an 80 acre (32 ha) property in Adelanto, CA. The acquisition allows Clark Pacific to expand its structural precast product offerings to the Southern California and Nevada construction markets. The expansion comes at a busy time, as Clark Pacific is producing the precast components for New Santa Clara Stadium in Santa Clara, CA, the future home of the San Francisco 49ers, along with other large projects in the area.

Terex Celebrates 40th Anniversary

In 1972, a group of Midwestern concrete producers joined together to manufacture a new front-discharge mixer truck design, forming the Terex legacy brand Advance Mixer. During the second half of 2012, **Terex Roadbuilding** celebrated the 40th anniversary of manufacturing front-discharge mixer trucks by restarting its new truck assembly line. The company recently secured a substantial new truck order from a large Midwestern concrete producer. Terex has also developed a new front-discharge mixer truck, with deliveries slated for 2013.

STRUCTURAL Compliant with Nuclear Regulations

STRUCTURAL announced that its Nuclear Division Quality Assurance Program (QAP) has been deemed compliant with the requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission standard. The compliance is a result of a complete internal audit of its Nuclear Division by Theseus Professional Services. Within the nuclear industry,

STRUCTURAL provides services that assist customers in areas including corrosion control, primary and auxiliary cooling, new plant construction, and buried pipe integrity. The QAP, as it applies to nuclear activities, is a system of management controls that helps ensure high-quality repair, reinforcement, protection, restoration, and maintenance of nuclear structures.

D.S. Brown Partners with Chase Construction

The **D.S. Brown Company** has entered an exclusive distribution agreement with **Chase Construction Products**, allowing D.S. Brown to sell Chase’s foam expansion joint product lines Evazote, Metazeal, and E-Crete to the bridge and highway markets. The addition of the Chase lines of foam products rounds out the D.S. Brown portfolio of expansion joint products, making it easier for customers to fulfill their expansion joint requirements from one source. Used in conjunction with D.S. Brown’s closed-cell foam products, the Chase products are marketed under and with **CEVA® System** brands. Most of these Chase products work side-by-side with members of the CEVA line.

Virginia Bridges Built Only with Domestic Products

All materials used to construct the Route 460 Connector bridges in Buchanan County, VA, will have been mined, manufactured, and shipped in the United States by domestic manufacturers, producers, and construction contractors. Some cement will come from **Roanoke Cement Company**, Virginia’s only cement plant, while additional concrete will come from Ohio. Other materials will come from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Oregon. The piers of the 1700 ft (518 m) long bridge were placed during the summer of 2012, and the project is expected to be completed in August 2014.

Grace Acquires Brazilian Admixture Company

W. R. Grace & Co. completed the acquisition of **Rheoset Industria e Comercio de Aditivos Ltda.**, a leading manufacturer of admixtures in Brazil. Rheoset specializes in admixtures based on proprietary concrete technologies that enhance the performance of concrete and contribute to higher-quality, longer-lasting structures. This acquisition provides a complement to Grace’s existing products and adds to their Brazilian manufacturing capacity.