

Industry Focus

Husqvarna Service Centers

Husqvarna currently has five professionally staffed service centers nationwide and plans to open more locations. The centers are staffed with service technicians that are educated about Husqvarna products and can perform repairs to Husqvarna equipment. The new locations will include centers in Georgia and Mexico. The Roseville, IL, center has been moved to Elk Grove, IL.

Thermal Integrity Profiler Wins 2013 C. William Bermingham Award for Innovation

The Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) announced the Thermal Integrity Profiler (TIP) as the winner of the 2013 C. William Bermingham Award for Innovation, which recognizes innovative contributions to deep foundation technology. The award was introduced in 2012 to recognize the innovative spirit of Bill Bermingham, a DFI Past President. TIP uses heat generated by hydrating cement to evaluate the integrity of cast-in-place concrete foundations such as drilled shafts, bored piles, augured cast-in-place piles, continuous flight auger piles, and drilled displacement piles. The technology can be used to evaluate the shape of jet grouted columns, diaphragms, slurry walls, and other concrete structures. Researchers at the University of South Florida initially developed the thermal integrity profiling technology. However, a joint effort undertaken by Foundation & Geotechnical Engineering, LLC, and Pile Dynamics, Inc., incorporated that technology into the TIP.

G.A. & F.C. Wagman, Inc., Expand Services to Include Shotcrete

G.A. & F.C. Wagman, Inc., announced the expansion of its services to include shotcrete through an acquisition of specialized equipment and hiring ACI Certified Nozzlemen for wet and dry shotcrete. Wagman acquired Key Construction Company, Inc., and its subsidiaries, which include D.W. Lyle Corporation and Key Constructors, Inc. The two subsidiaries provide heavy civil construction services in Virginia.

Q&D Construction Celebrates 50 Years

Q&D Construction celebrates entering the 50th year of operation. Norm Dianda founded the company in 1964 starting with a simple \$600 building remodel. The contractor now consists of hundreds of employees in divisions such as engineering, millwork, and custom homes. In June 2013, Chris and Mike Dianda were appointed as Managing

Partners while long-time employee and previous Senior Vice President Lance Semenko was named Chief Operating Officer. The company has completed projects such as Tranquility Lake Tahoe, a 210-acre estate, and Southwest Airlines' terminal and operations improvements at the Los Angeles International Airport in CA. Recent projects include completing Habitat for Humanity's Play House Build-a-Thon for charity. Q&D is a 12-time winner of the Contractor of the Year award by the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

CeraTech Inc. Expands Cement Operation into Middle East and Africa

CeraTech Inc. announced an agreement to expand operations into the Middle East and Africa. CeraTech entered into a license agreement with CeraTech ME&A Ltd., which is a newly formed, separately owned and operated company. CeraTech ME&A was granted the exclusive rights by CeraTech to manufacture, market, and sell CeraTech's cements. As the licensor, CeraTech Inc. will provide technical support, product development, and research.

USA Business Insurance Offers Liability Insurance Targeted to Specific Area of Trade

USA Business Insurance announced that businesses working in concrete contracting can purchase general liability insurance that provides extended industry coverages. General insurance protects businesses financially when a customer is injured while visiting a job site. The new insurance covers the contractor's office when a customer visits for estimates, proposals, and job inspections. Also, it covers if any equipment or employees inadvertently cause damage to a customer's property.

Cranes and Concrete Trucks Delivered to Namibia

Global Cranes & Machinery, LLC, delivered four Zoomlion rough terrain cranes and four Zoomlion concrete trucks to a customer located in Namibia, Africa. Two Zoomlion RT35 cranes, each rated to 35 tonnes (40 tons), and two RT100 cranes, each with a maximum lifting capacity of 100 tonnes (110 tons). This is the first time Global Cranes & Machinery has delivered machines from both the Mobile Cranes and the Concrete Machinery divisions of Zoomlion to the same customer in one transaction. The cranes and concrete trucks will be used for a mining project in Namibia.