**Contractor Opens New Office**

Seretta Construction, a commercial concrete contractor with a national presence that specializes in high-tolerance floors, industrial floors, and tilt-up wall construction, has opened a new office in Austin, TX. Seretta has been in business for more than 23 years and has existing offices in Orlando, FL, and Charlotte, NC. Chad Gallagher is the Division Vice President of the new Texas office. He received a BS in civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and was a Project Manager in the Charlotte, NC, office prior to accepting his new position. With the addition of the new Texas office, Seretta is now able to provide their services to the Mid-Atlantic, Southeastern, Gulf Coast, and Southwestern U.S.

**Corporate Headquarters Relocated to U.S.**

NX Infrastructure (NXI), a leading manufacturer of corrosion-resistant, stainless-clad reinforcing bar and dowels, has relocated its corporate headquarters to the U.S. Previously based in Wales, UK, NXI has moved into a 3000 ft² (280 m²) facility for administration and customer support in Jacksonville, FL. Through its patented manufacturing technology, NXI offers NX-SCR™ reinforcing bar and NX-SCD™ dowels. Each features a carbon-steel core, clad with a stainless-steel outer layer. This pairing provides corrosion resistance equivalent to solid stainless steel and mechanical properties equivalent to Grade 60 (ASTM A615/A615M), while offering a low life-cycle cost. NXI products meet the rigorous standards of AASHTO MP-13-04 and are designed for a 100-year service life, even when used in harsh roadways located in chloride-rich environments.

**Repair Contractor Adds to Its Portfolio with Acquisition**

Structural Preservation Systems, a division of Structural Group, has acquired Salem Contracting, a leading repair and restoration company primarily serving the Southeast U.S. Structural Group is the largest specialty repair and restoration company in the U.S. and has divisions in Europe and the Middle East. Structural Group primarily focuses on construction problems related to concrete, steel, masonry, wood, and foundation soils. The company provides engineered construction services and technologies that solve problems and improve investments for its industrial and commercial clients. “The addition of the Salem Contracting team further strengthens our ability to provide extraordinary service and value for our clients in the Southeast. This highly experienced team of professionals brings additional capabilities and provides superior solutions for water intrusion and structural damage for the entire building envelope,” said Peter Emmons, CEO of Structural Group.

**Cement Manufacturer Grows Global Presence with Acquisition**

After completion of the due diligence and the approval of the Australian authorities, Holcim has successfully completed the acquisition of Cemex Australia as of October 1, 2009. The new company, which now trades under the name Holcim (Australia) Pty. Ltd., has been fully consolidated as of that date. It continues to operate under the leadership of its proven management team. This acquisition enables Holcim to include Australia in its mature market strategy of being active in the cement business, as well as the aggregate and ready mixed concrete markets.

**Distributor Adds to Lineup of Concrete Forming Products**

The Eastern Division of Universal Forest Products, a leading manufacturer and distributor of treated wood products, has entered into an agreement with McTech Group, Inc., to become the exclusive national distributor of load transfer, curing blankets, and surface protection products. McTech is a leading innovator of high-performance concrete forming and curing products, including the recently patented UltraCure™ line of concrete wet-curing blankets. Universal will distribute McTech products from more than 30 of its facilities nationwide. With this agreement, Universal adds forming and load transfer, wet curing, and slab and flooring protection to its growing concrete forming accessory lineup.

**CEU, PDH Provider Status Renewed**

The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has renewed GRL Engineers and Pile Dynamics’ Authorized Provider status until 2011. IACET Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers has also renewed GRL Engineers’ status as Authorized Provider of Professional Development Hours until 2011. GRL and PDI educational offerings include deep foundation testing and analysis seminars, wave equation analysis workshops and Webinars, high strain dynamic testing workshops, and integrity testing workshops.