

ASTM International Relaunches Laboratory Directory

ASTM International redesigned its International Laboratory Directory. The directory is designed to help manufacturers find labs to test their products and ensure that they meet safety and performance criteria. The new International Laboratory Directory lists standards and test methods that each laboratory can perform, provides locations of laboratories worldwide, allows manufacturers and other partners to compare laboratories, and offers groupings for multiple laboratories that are part of one company. The directory is searchable, and labs can improve search rankings by purchasing keywords that highlight industry-specific strengths and services.

CFA Announces 2016 Safety Achievement Awards

The Concrete Foundations Association (CFA) announced the 2016 Safety Achievement Award recipients at the CFA Convention 2016 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The program recognizes the commitment to safety and risk management exhibited by CFA members. Awarded in the category for Best Overall Safety Achievement for 2015 were: Custom Concrete Company, Inc., All Concrete Contractor > 250k work hours; Stephens & Smith Construction Co., Inc., Turn Key Contractor > 250k work hours; The Bartley Corp., All Concrete Contractor 100k to 250k work hours; Walrite, LLC., Residential Foundation Contractor < 100k work hours; Solid Concrete Walls, Inc., Residential Foundation Contractor 100k to 250k work hours; and Michel Concrete Construction, All Concrete Contractor < 100k work hours. The recognition for Most Improved Safety was awarded to Stephens & Smith Construction Co., Inc., and Zero Lost Time Accident Awards went to Walrite, LLC, and Michel Concrete Construction, Inc.

MAPEI Americas Adds Cement Additives to Product Portfolio

MAPEI extended production of its C-ADD Division (cement additives) to the Americas, including grinding aids, strength enhancers, Cr(VI)-reducing additives, and dust-control technology. The existing production units of MAPEI Corporation in Garland, TX, and its subsidiary GRT, Inc., in Madison, IL, are being used for the production.

Building Systems Design Announces New CEO

Building Systems Design (BSD) appointed Christopher Anderson as President and CEO. Prior, Anderson served as Vice President, Data Strategy & Consulting, with The Gordian Group. He specialized in data strategy and analytics, covering all aspects of the building construction life cycle from

conception through facility management at Gordian. Anderson replaces Robert Paul Dean, who will remain as BSD's Chairman of the Board and will engage in part-time consulting for the company. Dean served as BSD's president from 2008 to 2016 and took over the CEO role from John Witherspoon, who founded the company in 1983 and retired in 2012. BSD fields two software products for the architecture/engineering/construction industry and provides marketing and data services to building product manufacturers. Its main product is BSD SpecLink-E, an automated construction specifications production application. Its newest product is BSD LinkMan-E, which connects SpecLink-E to Autodesk's Revit software, providing electronic coordination between the applications and permitting automated specifications production using object data from Revit.

Sika Acquires U.S. Concrete Fiber Producer

Sika acquired FRC Industries, a fiber manufacturer based in Tuscaloosa, AL. The company offers a full line of polypropylene and steel fibers for concrete. The concrete fibers of FRC Industries and the concrete color additives of L.M. Scofield, a company acquired last year, enhance Sika's full range of concrete admixtures.

Thornton Tomasetti Announces Strategic Alliance with BRZ-Experts in Brazil

Thornton Tomasetti expanded its presence in Brazil and Latin America through a strategic alliance with São Paulo, Brazil-based firm BRZ-Experts. Since 2012, Thornton Tomasetti's Brazil office has been staffed by Euclides Trovato, Director of Engineering, with assistance from Rafael Gomes de Oliveira, Consultant, and support from across the firm. The two have now transitioned to BRZ's São Paulo office. BRZ-Experts has 24 professionals, including several industry veterans with more than 30 years of experience. It provides services in forensics, risk management, technical analyses, cause and origin studies, and repair cost estimations for damaged structures.

Safway Group Acquires SafeWorks

Safway Group Holding LLC acquired SafeWorks, LLC, a portfolio company of Evergreen Pacific Partners, Seattle, WA. With brands including Spider[®], Power Climber[®], and Power Climber Wind[®] products, SafeWorks provides motorized suspended access equipment sales, rental, services, and support through 25 company branch locations in the Americas and a global dealer network. Safway has acquired 14 companies over the past 6 years as part of its strategy to expand service offerings.