

## CINTEC North America Marks 25th Anniversary

CINTEC North America is celebrating its 25th anniversary. A leader in structural masonry retrofit strengthening, repair, and preservation, the company was recognized with a 2016 Construction and Engineering Award for Innovation in Engineering, Research, and Development from *Build* magazine. "CINTEC is proud to receive this award and will do everything in our power to ensure our production and service remains worthy of this high standard," said Robert Lloyd-Rees, COO of CINTEC North America since 1992. CINTEC provides services and systems in the United States, Australia, Canada, India, and the United Kingdom. For example, its Archtec division provides a unique bridge reinforcement system, and its Blastec division provides blast mitigation systems. Both divisions provide engineering services and installation contracting. For more information, visit <http://cintec.com>.

## PCI Workforce Development Task Force

In 2015, the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) created a workforce development task force to ensure its members will be able to meet future staffing needs. Comprising industry CEOs and chaired by Hagen Harker of Mid-States Concrete Industries, the task group discussed and investigated training programs for new workers, and it created baseline curricula for PCI's courses. Instructional designers have outlined the content of presentations, created instructional slides, and visited plants to capture still photography and videos of the work of various crews (layout, setup and casting, stripping, finishing, and yarding). Video footage has been edited to 30-second demonstrative pieces and embedded into PowerPoint slides. PowerPoint presentations will be available soon to all PCI producer members as a membership benefit. Further, the PCI Educational Activities Council will discuss how the training modules can be used to showcase the precast industry as a viable career choice for laborers and skilled workers.

## CEMEX USA Aggregates Facilities Win NSSGA Community Relations Awards

Six CEMEX USA aggregates facilities were recognized for their involvement in their local communities with awards from the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA). NSSGA named CEMEX's Lake Wales Sand Mine, Lake Wales, FL, as a 2017 Gold Community Relations Award winner. The Gold Award is given to the top 10% of facilities receiving the highest scores from the NSSGA's group of independent judges. "We are proud to be part of the

communities where we operate and are honored to be recognized by the NSSGA," said Kirk Light, CEMEX USA's Regional President for Florida and Carolinas.

CEMEX's 474 Sand Mine and Davenport Sand Mine, in Clermont and Davenport, FL, respectively, each received 2017 Silver Community Relations Awards. CEMEX's FEC Quarry, Miami, FL, along with its Lytle Creek and Moorpark quarries in Rialto and Moorpark, CA, respectively, received bronze awards. NSSGA developed the Community Relations Awards in 1989 to recognize aggregate producers whose community involvement and support activities enhanced the public's perception of the aggregates industry in general. A list of all award winners is available at [www.nssga.org/awards/community-relations-awards](http://www.nssga.org/awards/community-relations-awards).

## Brokk Acquires Aquajet Systems AB

Brokk, a manufacturer of remote-controlled demolition machines, has acquired Aquajet Systems AB, a manufacturer of hydrodemolition robots. Aquajet Systems was formed in 1988; its line of Aqua Cutter robots is designed for a variety of applications, including bridge and road repair, tunnel repair, and nuclear power plant rehabilitation and refurbishment. For the past 40 years, Brokk has delivered over 7000 demolition machines to more than 100 countries across the world. Both companies will maintain current management.

## WRMCA 2017 Board of Directors

The Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association (WRMCA) added new officers and members to the 2017 Board of Directors. The 2017 officers are John Thomas, LYCON Inc., President; Brian Stefonik, Northern Lakes Concrete, Vice President; and Wally Jankowski, Advanced Concrete, Secretary/Treasurer. Producer Directors are Ron Carlson, Wingra Redi-Mix; Jesse Jacobs, Otto Jacobs; Luke Knadle, River City Ready Mix; Mike Rivecca, Sonag Ready Mix; Mike Tews, Carew Concrete; Todd Widdes, Todd's Redi-Mix; Joel Werner, Verrette Materials; and Scott Zignego, Zignego Ready Mix. Associate Directors include Dave Kepler, Buzzi Unicem USA; Dan Large, Fiber Reinforcing & Consulting; Paul Piekarski, Sika Corporation; Rick Ross, Oshkosh Corporation; Keith Nault, Solomon Colors; and Gary Wallis, St. Marys Cement.

## Pensmore Acquires Helix Steel

To further increase Helix Steel's global expansion, Pensmore Reinforcement Technologies, a Pensmore Company, has acquired Helix Steel. Pensmore's mission is to develop and showcase cutting-edge green building technologies with immediate practical application. It has been the leading investor in Helix Steel since 2012.