

Kryton International Acquires Cementec

Kryton International Inc. acquired Calgary-based Cementec Industries Inc., a manufacturer of concrete additive solutions. Hard-Cem®, the integral concrete hardening admixture developed by Cementec, provides concrete with resistance to abrasion and erosion. With this admixture, concrete floors and infrastructure can last up to six times longer than untreated concrete. Cementec also manufactures silica fume products that are used to densify and strengthen concrete. These Cementec solutions can be used in conjunction with Kryton's Krytol Internal Membrane™ (KIM®) system.

Morley Builders Celebrates 70-Year Anniversary

Founded in 1947, Morley Builders has been in the construction landscape of Southern California. Company Founder Morley Benjamin's vision began with the construction of single-family housing for veterans returning from WWII. Along with partner Sherman (Tex) Given, the company soon took on more projects of structural steel and concrete. The company led the recent construction renaissance within the Los Angeles Broadway District, reflected in the adaptive reuse of the Ace Hotel/United Artists Building.

LafargeHolcim Builds Retail Network for Construction Materials in Latin America

LafargeHolcim opened its first Disensa franchise store in Mexico. Disensa provides self-builders and smaller contractors access to LafargeHolcim's building solutions as well as other construction materials and services. The Group also established a training center in Mexico that provides training on product know-how, store management, marketing, and finance. Future Disensa franchises will be introduced in markets of Colombia, Central America, and Argentina.

Makita USA Expands Distribution and Training Capabilities with Dallas-Area Facility

Makita® USA expanded its capabilities with a new distribution and training center located in Wilmer, TX, just outside Dallas. The building includes a 4000 ft² (370 m²) training center, offering tailored curriculum and hands-on training. For dealer partners, training will focus on increasing their knowledge of Makita's technologies. For contractors and end users, the focus is application-driven, as users are shown the right accessories and the right tools for the job.

Rudy Ricciotti Wins Colored Concrete Works Award 2017

LANXESS presented its third Colored Concrete Works Award in Berlin, Germany, on May 17, 2017, to a distinguished architect who has achieved something unique in the use of

colored concrete. The award went to Rudy Ricciotti for his "Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée" (MuCEM) project in Marseille, France. The building is constructed of a total of 1100 m³ (1440 yd³) of concrete in the form of prefabricated concrete slabs and 250 m³ (330 yd³) of in-place concrete. The dark gray color tone was provided by the LANXESS pigments Bayferrox 330 and Bayferrox 318.

Construction Industry Round Table Announces Board and Chairman Elections

The Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT), the national business trade association comprised of approximately 120 chief executives from design and construction companies doing business globally, elected Wayne A. Drinkward as Chairman for a 1-year term. He succeeds H. Ralph Hawkins, Chairman Emeritus of HKS, Inc. Drinkward was elected during CIRT's Annual Spring Meeting, which occurred during Infrastructure Week in Washington, DC, and which also welcomed new directors.

Meadow Burke Opens Headquarters in Tampa, FL

Meadow Burke combined its manufacturing, distribution, engineering, and business support functions into a new facility at 6467 South Faulkenburg Road, Riverview, FL. To support the ongoing growth of the business and form a single customer-focused location necessitated the construction of a new facility, which incorporates Meadow Burke's tilt-up and reinforcing accessories and was engineered by the Meadow Burke team. The 48,000 ft² (4500 m²) facility incorporates "hot shot" manufacturing capabilities to provide shorter lead times on products prevalent in the Southeastern United States, in addition to special request items. The distribution center features space-functional racking for efficient inventory management.

Concrete Industry Foundation's 2017 Honors Dinner

The Concrete Industry Foundation, Inc. (CIF) sponsored its Second Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on September 12, 2017, at The New York Athletic Club, New York City, NY. Now in its 24th year, CIF awarded 11 scholarships of \$2000 to students from engineering, architecture, and technical programs in the New York metropolitan area. The Humanitarian Fellow Medal was presented to Jay Badame, President and COO of AECOM Tishman. The CIF 2017 James Anderson Distinguished Service Award was presented to Reginald D. Hough, a worldwide architectural concrete consultant. The CIF Lifetime Achievement Award was presented posthumously to Vincent J. DeSimone, Founder and Chairman of DeSimone Consulting Engineers.