

Volvo Group Collaborates with Heidelberg Materials

Volvo Group announced a collaboration with Heidelberg Materials to reduce carbon emissions in the construction sector by jointly investigating how loading and hauling needs could be solved with the help of electrified vehicles. The partnership will see several of Volvo Group's customized electric product and service solutions put to work across much of Heidelberg Materials' Northern European operations. The purpose is to support the adoption of emission-free transport and loading equipment solutions in the industry. As part of this agreement, Volvo Group's emission-free solutions—a combination of electric trucks, construction equipment, machines, and productivity services—will be put to work in several of Heidelberg Materials' sites and quarries. The 6-month feasibility study will be carried out to decide which emission-free vehicle technologies and charging infrastructure solutions will best suit the requirements of Heidelberg Materials. This study presents an opportunity to map, tailor, and implement a complete carbon dioxide (CO₂) reduction program throughout the operations' transport and loading activities.



Heidelberg Materials' employees use Volvo equipment

Pullman Acquires Structural Maintenance Systems

Pullman SST, Inc. (Pullman), a Structural Group Company, announced its acquisition of Structural Maintenance Systems, Inc. (SMS). This move is a step forward in Pullman's commitment to broadening its geographical reach in the Northeast United States. Combining the expertise and resources of SMS with Pullman is aimed at increasing overall capabilities to address customers' structural repair and upgrade needs. SMS' portfolio includes a wide range of projects that have garnered recognition for its expertise and reliability. Clients of both Pullman and SMS can expect a seamless transition, and integration efforts are already underway.

MAPEI Inaugurates Plant Expansion in Laval

MAPEI Inc. hosted an inauguration event to mark the official opening of a new powders production and warehouse expansion at its flagship facility in Laval, QC, Canada. Among other benefits, the increased production capacity in Laval will allow for a more balanced production across Canada. The new powder line will produce 30,000 tons (27,200 tonnes) per year per shift. The new admixtures line will produce 7000 tons (6350 tonnes) per year per shift. The expanded warehousing space can accommodate more efficient distribution of products. The expansions include an additional 50,750 ft² (4715 m²) to complement the previous 128,000 ft² (11,890 m²) polymers plant, the R&D Center for Excellence in Concrete Construction, and the Canadian head office, also located at the site.



Ribbon cutting for MAPEI's plant expansion in Quebec, Canada

Summit Materials Combines with Argos North America

Summit Materials, Inc. announced an agreement with Cementos Argos S.A. under which Summit will combine with Argos North America Corp. (Argos USA). Argos USA is among the largest cement producers by total installed capacity in its areas of operations. With its asset footprint comprising four integrated cement plants, approximately 140 ready mixed plants, and eight ports, Argos USA's portfolio is well-positioned to capitalize on positive demand drivers across public infrastructure, residential, and commercial end-markets. The combination of Summit and Argos USA will create the fourth-largest cement platform in the United States. With a deeper and broader network of assets, Summit and its shareholders will benefit from geographic diversification, expanded operational and commercial capabilities, and the ability to better meet growing demand for high quality construction materials in the United States. The combined

company will be led by Anne Noonan, Summit's President and CEO. The Summit Board of Directors is expected to comprise eight Summit-appointed representatives and three representatives appointed by Cementos Argos.

Doka USA Partners with Habitat for Humanity

Doka USA announced a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Through this collaboration, Doka USA aims to support the mission of Habitat for Humanity by contributing to the organization's efforts in providing affordable housing

for families in need across the United States. By joining forces with Habitat for Humanity, Doka USA aims to leverage its resources to help address the affordable housing crisis and improve the lives of those facing housing challenges. Over the next few years, Doka USA will be working with the global housing organization to build homes in the USA. Doka employees will also contribute to their construction through various volunteer projects. One example is this year's participation in Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. This project involves several Doka employees volunteering their time and effort to build and repair houses for those in need.



Doka workers volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

Fabcon Acquires Bristol Precast

Fabcon Precast acquired Bristol Precast, a division of The Bristol Group. The Bristol Group is a design-build commercial construction firm and manufacturer of precast concrete wall panels and other structural products, serving customers in the industrial, multi-family, hospitality, commercial, corrections, and parking structure markets. The purchase includes all aspects of the Bristol Precast business. John Pennington, President of The Bristol Group, will join Fabcon and support the effort to integrate the business and ensure a smooth transition for all Bristol customers. The Bristol Group will continue operating its design-build engineering and construction business. Its customers, suppliers, and partners will experience no disruption during this transition period as it continues the same level of service and support.

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