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### Oldcastle Precast acquires U.S. Concrete's California precast concrete operations

Oldcastle Precast has reached an agreement to acquire key assets of U.S. Concrete's six precast concrete operations in California.

This acquisition will increase the Oldcastle Precast presence in the western United States and will provide a better position in the storm and sanitary sewer market in Northern California while adding to the company's statewide positions in the utility, transportation, and structural business.

—Source: Oldcastle Precast Inc.

### Price named new Thermomass eastern region sales coordinator

Katie Price has joined Thermomass as eastern region sales coordinator. Price will have the primary responsibility of coordinating sales for Thermomass's insulation systems in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Maryland, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Maine.

—Source: Thermomass



**Katie Price**

### Clark Pacific acquires California assets of Hanson Structural Precast

Clark Pacific has completed the acquisition of the California assets of Hanson Structural Precast.

The assets acquired include an 80-acre (32-hectare) industrial-zoned property in Adelanto, Calif., and the existing plant operations in Irwindale, Calif. The Irwindale facility, in continuous operation since 1968, will become Clark Pacific's fourth precast concrete production facility in California. The acquisition will expand the company's overall manufacturing capacity and will significantly enhance its structural precast concrete product offerings for the Southern California and Nevada construction markets, particularly for parking structures and office buildings.

Ed Wopschall, general manager of the Irwindale plant for more than 40 years, will manage the Irwindale facility for Clark Pacific.

Clark Pacific's expansion comes at a time when many new projects are in the production pipeline. Clark Pacific announced recently that it is producing the precast concrete components for the fast-tracked new NFL stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., which will become the new home of the San Francisco 49ers in time for the 2014 season.

—Source: Clark Pacific

## Two Holcim (US) facilities celebrate employee safety milestones

The Ste. Genevieve and Ada Holcim (US) plants reached employee safety milestones in May and July. The Ste. Genevieve and Ada plants marked three and five years, respectively, without a lost time injury. A lost time injury is defined as an accident resulting in an injury that requires the employee to take time off.

—Source: Holcim (US) Inc.

## Aggregate Industries US receives multiple safety awards from IAAP

Several locations of Holcim Group company Aggregate Industries US Midwest Region were recognized by the Safety Awards Program of the Illinois Association for Aggregate Producers (IAAP). The awards were presented at a special morning session on May 15, 2012, during IAAP's Annual Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Ill.

The IAAP Rock Solid Excellence in Safety Award, the highest award level, went to 11 locations: Portable AC2, Portable AC3, Portable NB1, Algonquin Pit 5, Battle Creek Plant, Chelsea Plant, Dyer Lake Pit 34, Edwardsburg/Milliken Plant, Otsego Shop, Pullman/Sweet Plant, and Wayland Plant. Two more locations, Dundee Quarry and McHenry West Pit 26, received the IAAP Silver Award.

The IAAP Safety Committee's Rock Solid Safety Award Program publicly recognizes members who set high safety and health standards in the conduct of their operations.

—Source: Aggregate Industries US

## Spancrete testing Milwaukee wastewater overflow solution

Spancrete is testing a new solution to help manage storm water runoff in Milwaukee, Wis.

Heavy rainstorms cause the city's storm drains to fill with rainwater and tax the ability of water treatment facilities to process the excess waste. Although the Milwaukee deep tunnel system was designed to retain excess wastewater, heavy rains can introduce more water to the system than it is designed to handle.

The new patent-pending Spancrete system is being tested at the Garden District Neighborhood Association Farmers Market. In addition to potentially alleviating Milwaukee's wastewater overflow problems, the system will have the ability to reduce construction times and lessen the need for repairs. Because the sections are precast, on-site curing is eliminated, allowing construction crews to simply set the sections into place. In addition, the sections are produced in a controlled environment so the quality variations that can accompany field-cast pervious concrete are eradicated.

—Source: Spancrete



High Concrete Group LLC is producing this precast concrete parking structure for St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown, Pa. Courtesy of High Concrete Group.

## High Concrete Group selected for St. Luke's Hospital parking structure

High Concrete Group LLC is producing a precast concrete parking structure for St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown, Pa. Scheduled for completion by the end of 2012, the 96,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (8900 m<sup>2</sup>) parking structure replaces an existing 133-spot surface lot with 384 spaces in three stories. The precast concrete components are being produced at High Concrete Group's Denver, Pa., plant.

Allentown-based Bracy Contracting, Inc., the general contractor for the project, awarded High Concrete Group the \$3.1 million contract. A total of 329 pieces will be erected starting in October. The parking structure was designed by Tim Haahs Engineers Architects of Blue Bell, Pa.

The \$9.6 million project includes a circular drop-off area to serve the hospital's new main entrance, completed in 2008, and a connector from the south wing of the hospital to the east wing. Prominent elevations will receive a thin brick finish to integrate with neighboring residential structures.

—Source: High Concrete Group

## Metrobrick adds new texture to thin brick offerings

Metrobrick has introduced a new wire cut surface texture to its line of thin brick. The wire cut texture is designed to create a surface with slight gouges and pulls in the face of the brick. The small ridges and crevices add character and create symmetry from brick to brick. The addition of wire cut to the Metrobrick product line adds a coarse brick look that is most associated with the surface texture of some traditional facing brick.

Metrobrick meets the PCI standard for thin brick and is designed to fit properly in all precast concrete liners.

—Source: Metrobrick



Metrobrick has added a new texture to its line of thin brick. This wire cut surface texture adds a coarse brick look to its line. Courtesy of Metrobrick.



**Alesia Marie Staskiewicz, left, is the 2011–2012 recipient of the Robert H. Nagy Family Foundation Scholarship. Her father, Nick Staskiewicz, right, is Spancrete's information technology administrator. Courtesy of Spancrete.**

## Spancrete awards 2012 Robert H. Nagy Family Foundation Scholarship

Spancrete has awarded the Robert H. Nagy Family Foundation Scholarship for the 2011–2012 academic year. This year, the Family Foundation has selected Alesia Marie Staskiewicz, a graduate of Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha, Wis., as the winner of the \$1000 award.

Staskiewicz is the daughter of Spancrete information technology network administrator Nick Staskiewicz. She plans to attend St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., this fall to pursue degrees in French and Spanish, as well as a degree in education. Staskiewicz's career goal is to become a French and Spanish teacher.

Each year, through the Robert H. Nagy Family Foundation, Spancrete sponsors scholarships at local colleges and offers scholarships to children of Spancrete employees.

—Source: Spancrete

## Holcim (US) Dundee facility sponsors employee-driven community projects

The Holcim (US) Dundee facility in Dundee, Mich., is participating in a yearlong community service initiative to mark the centennial of its parent company, Holcim Ltd., by participating in Together for Communities, an initiative in which Holcim employees lead local volunteer projects.

As part of the Together for Communities initiative, employees at the Dundee facility have planned three community-specific projects to take place this summer, each addressing a particular need in the Dundee area. Employees assisted a local Ann Arbor, Mich., senior with exterior trim painting and yard maintenance. They have also volunteered in the Village of Dundee Mayfly Music Festival and have planted a Community Garden of Growth on the facility property.

Holcim Ltd. hopes to engage as many of its 80,000 worldwide employees as possible to volunteer for one day in their communities.

—Source: Holcim (US) Inc.



**Scott Galke**

## Galke new director of operations in Spancrete's Valders plant

Spancrete has hired Scott Galke as the director of operations for its Valders, Wis., plant.

Galke recently served as the director of operations at Metromont Precast in Greenville, S.C. Prior to his tenure at Metromont, Galke was the operations manager at Shockey Precast Co. in Virginia and also held other general manager roles.

—Source: Spancrete

## Frosch named associate dean at Purdue

Robert Frosch, professor of civil engineering at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., has accepted the position of associate dean of Resource Planning and Management.

Frosch is a professor in the School of Civil Engineering and specializes in structural engineering. His research is focused on the design and behavior of structural concrete, bridge engineering, earthquake engineering, and the repair and rehabilitation of structures. He is also the recipient of the PCI Young Educator Achievement Award and serves on PCI's Technical Activities Council and Research and Development Council.

—Source: Leah H. Jamieson, Purdue University



**Robert Frosch**

## Thermomass promotes Burkhart to product development technician

Thermomass has promoted Garrett Burkhart to product development technician. Burkhart will have the primary responsibility of overseeing the area of product development. He will head endeavors in research, development, and testing.

Burkhart joined Thermomass in 2008 as a maintenance shift manager and immediately took an interest in product development and research and development tasks.

—Source: Thermomass



**Garrett Burkhart**

## EnCon Cos. take home six ACI awards

EnCon Cos., headquartered in Denver, Colo., and its subsidiaries have received several awards for their submission to the 44th Annual American Concrete Institute (ACI) Rocky Mountain Chapter Concrete Awards Program. This yearly awards competition looks at several aspects of projects, including design innovation, materials used, schedule, budget, and aesthetic appeal.

EnCon submitted six projects total. Stresscon Corp. submitted the EchoStar Data Center at Cheyenne, Wyo., Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, Belmar Target, and Swigert-McAuliffe International School, all of which won the Award of Excellence, and the Fort Carson Warriors in Transition Barracks, which won the Award of Merit. EnCon Colorado submitted the C-470 and Santa Fe Flyover, which won the Award of Excellence.

—Source: EnCon Design LLC



**Miguel Branco**

## Thermomass hires Branco as structural engineer

Miguel Branco has joined Thermomass as a structural engineer and will provide technical support for overseas sales.

“In addition to focusing on research activities, Miguel will be providing technical support for our sister company, Construction Systems Marketing (CSM) in Germany,” says Venkatesh Seshappa, director of engineering at Thermomass.

Branco has collaborated in the structural design of several buildings in Portugal, Spain, and Romania.

—Source: Thermomass

## Bentley’s Student Design Competition call for submissions now open for 2013

The call for submissions in Bentley’s 2013 Student Design Competition, sponsored by Be Careers Network, a continuous learning initiative of Bentley Institute, is now open. University, college, high school, and technical school students are invited to submit projects designed using Bentley software, along with a short essay describing their work. Project submissions will be judged by an independent panel. The judges will focus on creativity and skill in applying design and engineering principles. The competition welcomes individual and team efforts comprising no more than three members.

All submissions must be received by April 5, 2013. Bentley will award a \$2000 scholarship to the winning individual or team in each of the categories at the college/university level, and a \$1500 scholarship to the winning individual or team at the high school/technical school level.

For more information about the submission process or to fill out a submission form, visit <http://www.bentley.com/studentdesign>.

—Bentley Systems Inc.

## Marxuach & Longo new AltusGroup member

Marxuach & Longo Inc. of San Juan, Puerto Rico, has become a producing member of AltusGroup and will complete its first job with CarbonCast high-performance insulated wall panels, a precast concrete sandwich wall system with carbon-fiber-grid shear connectors, in fall 2012.

The company used 27,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (2500 m<sup>2</sup>) of CarbonCast high-performance insulated wall panels on the Directorate of Public Works, Fort Buchanan U.S. Military Base, Puerto Rico. The building was designed by SMRT and Blue Ridge Design Inc., with Consigli as general contractor. Casting began in early July and erection is set to start in September 2012.

Marxuach & Longo Inc. specializes in architectural and structural solutions and complete precast concrete building systems. Its premier precast projects in Puerto Rico include First Bank Parking Deck, Amgen LTD AML-14 Production Building, Goya Warehouse and Can Production buildings, and Eli Lilly Dry Kit building.

—Source: AltusGroup

## High Concrete Group offering continuing education credits, factory tours

High Concrete Group LLC will host Concrete Innovations and Answers architect continuing education seminar series at its Denver, Pa., headquarters and Springboro, Ohio, plants. Developed for architects and others involved in the planning and construction of precast concrete buildings, the full-day event explores and explains the latest developments in precast concrete products and technologies. High Concrete Group is a registered provider with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Continuing Education System.

High Concrete Group's seminar courses and tours qualify participants for up to 8.5 learning units. Presented by industry professionals, the courses include Designing Precast Parking Garages; Enclosure Systems: Precast Mix Designs, Shapes and Finishes; Architectural Precast and Control of Cost and Quality; High Performance Insulated Wall Panels; Precast Enclosure Systems Detailing; and Sustainable Design with Lightweight Precast.

Architects can register for the seminars at <http://www.highconcrete.com/education/seminars/> or by calling (800) 773-2278. The seminars are free, and a \$50 registration deposit will be refunded upon attendance.

—Source: High Concrete Group

## Lattimore Materials celebrates safety milestone

Lattimore Materials Corp., an Aggregate Industries US company, surpassed the 2 million-hour mark without a lost time injury. Aggregate Industries US is a Holcim Group company. A lost time injury is one that requires the employee to take time off for recovery.

—Source: Aggregate Industries Management Inc.

## Spillman representing Teksam in U.S., Canada

Spillman is now representing Teksam as a sales agent in the United States and Canada except for the province of Quebec.

Teksam supplies machinery and technology to the precast concrete industry worldwide. Spillman, located in Columbus, Ohio, is a manufacturer of custom steel forms for the precast, prestressed concrete and concrete pipe industries.

—Source: Spillman Co.

## CHARLES H. WALTER JR.



Charles “Chuck” H. Walter, past PCI president, died August 20, 2012. He was 84. Walter earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and a master’s degree in industrial management, both at Purdue University.

Walter worked in the precast, prestressed concrete business in sales, marketing, and management roles. He was employed at a number of precast/prestressed concrete businesses, including Precast/Schokbeton Inc., Pre-Con Co., and LEAP Associates International Inc. In 1992, he established his own consulting firm in Portage, Mich. During his career, Walter was involved in heavy industrial construction, commercial projects, and construction product design, including more than 100 parking structures of varying size and complexity.

Active on many PCI architectural, marketing and administrative committees, Walter was named a PCI Fellow in 1994 and served as president of PCI during the 1972–1973 term.

## Midstate Precast project wins DBIA award

The California ISO headquarters in Folsom, Calif., has won a Design-Build National Award from the Design Build Institute of America. The building is a headquarters for a California high-voltage electric grid operator and is LEED certified. The precaster on this project was Midstate Precast LP of Corcoran, Calif. The project also received a 2011 PCI Design Award for low-rise office buildings.

The project will be recognized November 8, 2012, at the 2012 Design-Build Conference & Expo awards dinner at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La.  
—Source: Midstate Precast



**Douglas Cringan**

## Cringan retires from Strescon

Douglas Cringan has retired from his position as sales manager of Strescon Ltd. in Burlington, Mass., after 19 years with the company.

Cringan started his career at San-Vel Concrete in Littleton, Mass., in August 1967 as a production planner. Three years later he became the assistant contracts manager. This was the same time that San-Vel was awarded the contract for the 57 Carver Street Project in Boston, Mass. This was the largest total–precast concrete structure in the United States. Cringan spent 23 years at San-Vel until its closing in 1990. Two other significant projects that he was involved with were the Alewife subway station and parking structure in Cambridge, Mass., and the Park River Tunnel Project in Hartford, Conn. The Park River Tunnel was a 22 ft (6.7 m) diameter tunnel that comprises four 6-ton segments. It is 2 mi (3.2 km) long and 150 ft (46 m) underground.

After San-Vel closed, Cringan transferred to Spancrete Northeast’s South Bethlehem, N.Y., office, representing the company in the Boston-area market from 1990 to 1993.

In November 1993, he took a job at Strescon Ltd. in St. John, NB, Canada. While there, he opened and ran the Burlington, Mass., office. During his 19 years with Strescon, the company became a member of PCI Northeast and furnished a significant number of projects with architectural, structural, and hollow-core products, some of which were PCI-award-winning jobs.

—Source: Rita Seraderian, PCI Northeast

# Holcim (US) announces new deputy chief executive officer

The Holcim (US) president and chief executive officer, Bernard Terver, will join the Holcim Ltd. Executive Committee. Holcim Ltd. is the international parent company of Holcim (US).

Terver will also assume responsibility for the new group region of North America (Holcim (US), Holcim Canada, Aggregate Industries US) and the United Kingdom (Aggregate Industries UK). Filiberto Ruiz will serve as deputy chief executive officer of Holcim (US) and Aggregate Industries US. Before his promotion, Ruiz was senior vice president, sales and marketing for Holcim (US).

Ruiz began his career with the Holcim Group in 1986 as electrical supervisor with Holcim Apasco, Mexico, later becoming plant manager. In 1999, Ruiz became regional vice president of manufacturing at Holcim (US). He returned to Holcim Apasco as cement operations vice president, and moved back to Holcim (US) in 2006 as senior vice president, manufacturing. He has been in his current role, senior vice president of sales and marketing, since 2010.

—Source: Holcim 

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