

Gate Acquires Two Plants MONROEVILLE, ALABAMA

Gate Construction Materials Group has acquired two architectural precast concrete manufacturing facilities. The plants were purchased from **Arkansas Precast** and are located in Hillsboro, Texas, (near Dallas) and Jacksonville, Arkansas (near Little Rock).

The company now operates 10 plants in the South and serves markets throughout the eastern United States and major Southwest and Midwest markets. Revenues, with the new plants included, is more than \$300 million annually.



Clarifications

The PCI-Certified plants located in Quebec were inadvertently omitted from the Spring and Summer 2007 issues of *ASSENT*. Those plants were then and still are certified by PCI. The information was reinstated for the Fall 2007 issue. Those plants were:

- **Betons Prefabriques du Lac Inc./** Papeterie Plant in Alma
- **Betons Prefabriques du Lac Inc./** Bombardier Plant in Alma
- **Betons Prefabriques du Lac Inc./** Trans-Canada Plant in St. Eugene De Grantham
- **Prefab De Beauce** in Sainte-Marie
- **Saramac Inc.** in Lachenaie
- **Shokbeton Quebec Inc.** in St Eustache

Credits for the 5th Street Pedestrian Plaza Bridge in Atlanta listed in the News section of the Fall 2007 issue of *ASSENT* included incorrect information. The architect on the project was **Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates** in Atlanta. Also, an incorrect (shorter) length was given for the bridge, which is 257 ft long.

Meadowlands Stadium Chooses High Concrete

DENVER, PENNSYLVANIA

Meadowlands Xanadu Development Co. has chosen **High Concrete Group LLC** to manufacture structural and architectural precast concrete components for two parking structures at its \$1.4-billion retail and entertainment complex adjacent to the new Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

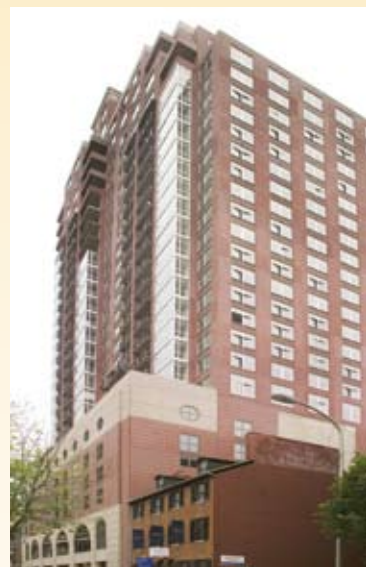
The precaster was awarded the nearly \$30-million design-build contract as part of a continuing build-out of the project, slated to open in 2008. High Concrete will produce 1,379 pieces, including double tees, spandrels, columns, girders, walls, slabs, and stairs. The multi-level parking structures will add more than 2,100 spaces to the existing 10,000 spaces.

The company previously produced materials for two other parking structures at the complex. It also is supplying risers, wall panels and other structural components for the stadium project.

In other news from the precaster, two architecturally inspired precast concrete projects fabricated by High Concrete won Best of 2007 awards from *Mid-Atlantic Construction*, a McGraw-Hill publication.

An independent jury selected Symphony House, a 32-story luxury condominium project (photo) in Philadelphia, for one of three Awards of Merit in the High-Rise Residential category. Lehigh University Alumni Parking Garage, a 315-car parking structure in Allentown, Pennsylvania, took the only Award of Merit in the category of Transit/Parking Garage. The Lehigh project also won Best Parking Structure in PCI's own 2007 Design Awards competition.

In all, the jury honored 46 projects in 16 categories. The awards were presented to the winners during an awards ceremony in December.



Fabcon Wins 'Tekne' Green Award

SAVAGE, MINNESOTA

Fabcon was named the winner of the first Green Award to be presented by the Minnesota High Tech Association. The award honors businesses that practice environmental awareness and responsibility and incorporate sustainability practices into their business model.

The group noted that Fabcon "became the first U.S. precast manufacturer supporting green construction, building practices, and sustainable architecture with its introduction of the VersaCore+Green wall panels."

MHTA is a Minneapolis-based state organization that supports the growth, sustainability and global competitiveness of the state's technology-based economy through advocacy, education, and collaboration. The list of all of the winners can be seen at www.tekneawards.org.

Red Cross Recognizes Precasters

CHICAGO

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago honored **Dukane Precast and Prestress Engineering Corp.** for their support as members of the Safe Home Illinois Initiative.

The two, along with Simpson Strong-Tie and the **Portland Cement Association**, received the Stuart Wesbury Award for Community Partnership from the group. The Safe Home Illinois Initiative is sponsored by the Red Cross and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to educate government and the public about products and techniques to mitigate wind damage. The program was discussed in the Summer 2007 issue of *ASSENT*.