

### **Gage Brothers Completes Erection of Precast Concrete for 4th Street Residences**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Gage Brothers Concrete, Inc. has finished erecting the architectural precast concrete for the University of Minnesota's 4th Street Residences. This project includes 76,600 square feet of insulated precast panels with cast-in thin brick and architectural precast for a main entrance canopy and site retaining walls. With the project in jeopardy of not being built, Gage Brothers was brought in during the design development of the project and was instrumental in converting the project from traditional handset block/brick cavity wall construction to an insulated precast panel. By utilizing precast, this solution created substantial schedule improvements as well as significant savings on the construction budget.

### **Thermomass Expands U.S. Sales Team**

BOONE, IOWA

Jon Cobb has joined Thermomass as a regional sales manager. Cobb will have the primary responsibility of managing Thermomass' Southeast Region, which includes the states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina.



### **PCI Design Awards Submissions Due May 20**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The PCI Design Awards program recognizes design excellence and construction quality using precast concrete. All winning projects will be showcased at the PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference and be included in a summary article that appears in the *PCI Journal*, *Aspire*, and *Ascent* magazines. Together, these publications reach over 65,000 industry stakeholders. Visit [www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org) and click on the Design Awards icon for more details and to make a submission. To view the 2012 winners, visit [www.pci.org/2012designawards](http://www.pci.org/2012designawards).

### **Finrock Begins Work on Parking for More Than 1000 Cars**

APOPKA, FLORIDA

Finrock has signed design-build contracts for two new garages in Florida. Parking for the 4th Avenue South Residences in St. Petersburg will be designed, manufactured, and constructed by Finrock. The project, on the corner of 4th Avenue and 4th Street, provides 624 stalls in five levels for a new multi-unit residential complex. In addition, 468 spaces will also be designed, manufactured, and constructed by Finrock for SkyHouse Orlando, a new high-rise residential complex being built in downtown Orlando, Fla. The 7-level garage also includes 980 square feet of retail space. Both contracts total in excess of \$10,000,000 and are expected to be complete this year.

### **Elematic Gets Contract for Iraq Plant**

BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN

The parent company of Milwaukee, Wis.-based precast concrete producer Elematic Inc. has secured a contract with South Korea's Hanwha Engineering and Construction for a massive plant in Iraq.

It calls for a precast concrete production line with a daily component output the equivalent of 80,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of housing units. Hanwha Engineering, a part of South Korea's largest business conglomerate, is under contract with the Iraqi government to lead construction of 100,000 housing units in Bismaya, a satellite city near Baghdad. The development is part of extensive reconstruction and infrastructure modernization underway in Iraq.

Precast concrete construction was chosen for its quality, speed, and cost efficiency. The deal is valued at more than \$54 million.

### **Meadow Burke Announces New Website with User Enhancements and Added Product Information**

TAMPA, FLORIDA

Meadow Burke, LLC, announced the launch of its new and greatly enhanced company website at [www.meadowburke.com](http://www.meadowburke.com). The website sports a clean new design with more in-depth product information that engineers, architects and contractors will find useful. It also features an e-literature section powered by interactive viewing software that includes a full array of product manuals, brochures, and technical fact sheets available for on-demand viewing.

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