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Sika acquires Concrete Fibers

Sika has acquired Concrete Fibers, based in Chattanooga, Tenn., from Propex Holding LLC. The business includes a plant that manufactures synthetic fibers for use in concrete reinforcement and sales operations in Sika's three geographical regions.

The acquisition of the Concrete Fibers business is a further step in Sika's expansion in fibers, following the acquisitions of Radmix Australia and FRC Industries USA, as well as the opening of a fiber production line in Germany. The acquired business includes the Fibermesh brand and accompanying technical expertise. Furthermore, the 12,000 m² (130,000 ft²) production facility creates significant additional capacity for both micro- and macrosynthetic fibers to support Sika's growth going forward, particularly in the Americas.

—Source: Sika

Smith-Midland promotes Samoilenka to VP of operations

Smith-Midland Corp. has promoted Sergey Samoilenka to vice president of operations of its flagship manufacturing facility in Midland, Va. Samoilenka has put his decades of precast concrete experience to work for Smith-Midland Corp. since 2004. His role prior to becoming vice president of operations was as plant manager of the Midland, Va., facility.

Samoilenka started his career in 1997 as a production supervisor in the Plant of Effective Industrial Constructions in



Sergey Samoilenka

Minsk, Belarus, and eventually became plant manager of that facility. In 2002, he was recruited to be the night shift plant supervisor by the Bethel, Pa., precast concrete firm Concrete Safety Systems, a producer of highway sound walls and precast concrete safety barriers in the mid-Atlantic region.

Samoilenka holds an Engineer Technologist of Precast Concrete degree from Belarusian State Polytechnic Academy in Minsk. His continuing precast concrete industry education includes certifications from PCI, the American Concrete Institute, and the National Precast Concrete Association.

—Source: Midland Advertising + Design

Northeast Precast launches patented Prespan floor system

Northeast Precast, a New Jersey-based manufacturer of custom precast concrete panels and systems, recently launched Prespan, a patented flooring system featuring insulated precast concrete floor slabs. The product is intended for use in both residential and commercial projects.

Prespan allows for extra space to be constructed under a garage during a project's building stage. Mark Gorgas, commercial division general manager for Northeast Precast, says that this extra space can be used for additional storage in a home or commercial building.

Prespan also creates a completely open space that eliminates the need for interior structural supports, such as columns or load-bearing walls. Builders can gain a clear span of an entire building to create a full basement or crawl space. Compared with hollow-core slabs, the product also delivers less deflection and is 25% lighter. The system is compatible with all concrete wall types, and there are no manufacturing size limitations.

—Source: PCI Mid-Atlantic

Q. D. SPRUILL JR.



Q. D. Spruill Jr., 89, a partner, senior chairman, and former chief executive officer of Gulf Coast Prestress, died December 23, 2018. He was 89.

Spruill received his BS in business administration from Mississippi College in Clinton and began

his career as a sales engineer with Highway Materials in Jackson, Miss.

In 1968, Spruill joined L&A Contractors of Hattiesburg, Miss., as a purchasing agent. L&A created Gulf Coast Prestress Inc. in Pass Christian, Miss. Spruill moved to Gulf

Coast Prestress to be vice president two years later, in 1970. Then, in 1984, Raymond International purchased Gulf Coast Prestress but went bankrupt in 1990. That's when Spruill formed a group of partners to purchase the company. In 2005, Gulf Coast Prestress purchased Texas Concrete Partners.

Spruill was named a PCI Fellow in 2002. He served as PCI Zone 6 director in 1992, 1993, and 1994; secretary-treasurer in 1996; vice chairman in 1997; and chairman in 1998. He served on the Bridge Producers and Energy Committees, among others. He received Honorary Life Membership status and was the president and a board member of PCI Gulf South, as well as Highway and PCI liaison to that organization.

EDWIN A. MCDUGLE JR.



Edwin A. McDougle Jr., former president of Ross Bryan Associates Inc., died January 23, 2019. He was 72.

McDougle received a BS in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville in 1969. McDougle's father had died

a few years before and he didn't have the resources to pay his tuition on his own, so he enrolled in the co-op engineering program. The work/study academic track allowed McDougle to attend school for one quarter then work in the field for the next. That program assigned him to work at the structural engineering and design firm Ross H. Bryan (which created the official plant certification program for PCI) in Nashville, Tenn., where he was first introduced to precast concrete. McDougle returned to UT for his master's degree but after a year back at school, he joined the U.S. Air Force and Tennessee Air National Guard, where he was a pilot and refueled planes during the Vietnam War.

In 1972, following his two years of military service, he returned to Ross Bryan full time and continued to pursue his master's degree, receiving an MS in civil engineering in 1975. In 1977, McDougle became a principal of Ross Bryan, where he served as either project manager or lead executive for the structural engineering consulting and design work for many UT construction and renovation projects. In the mid-1970s, Ross H. Bryan retired and sold the firm to McDougle, the late PCI Titan T. Henry Clark, and two others.

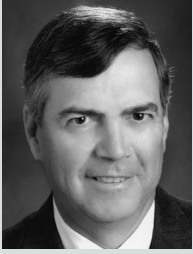
McDougle performed more than 1000 audits for more than 200 PCI member plants and designed and managed

dozens of projects, including the construction of several buildings at UT, such as dormitories and classrooms, and the renovation of the university hospital and stadium. He said, "Those are the projects that have meant the most to me." He was a lifelong structural engineer, working for Ross Bryan Associates Inc. from 1965, when he was still at UT, to his retirement in 2011.

McDougle was also an active member of PCI, serving in many capacities for more than four decades. After retirement, he continued to teach PCI Quality Control Schools and remained active on numerous PCI committees. He participated on dozens of committees and chaired several, including the Quality Assurance Council and the Safety Committee. He was named a PCI Fellow in 1997, sat on the board of directors from 2013 to 2014, and was named a PCI Titan in 2014. In 1992, the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers awarded him a Presidential Citation for his many engineering contributions and achievements. McDougle was also inducted into the UT Civil and Environmental Engineering Hall of Fame in 2017. He served on the UT Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Advisory Board, the College of Engineering Board of Advisors (serving a term as chair), and the College of Engineering Emeritus Board. Along with three other Ross Bryan colleagues, he helped create the Ross Bryan Endowed Fellowship in Structural Engineering at UT.

"There is an attitude among the people at PCI," McDougle said in a 2016 interview with *PCI Journal*. "They aren't out to get a bigger piece of the pie. They want to try to make the pie bigger so everyone can get a bigger piece."

MICHAEL E. QUINLAN



Michael E. Quinlan, vice president and general manager of Coreslab Structures (TAMPA), died January 23, 2019. He was 69.

Quinlan earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., in 1972 and a master's degree

in business administration from the University of New Haven in West Haven, Conn., in 1974.

Quinlan spent his entire 47-year career in the precast concrete industry. He worked at Blakeslee Prestress in Connecticut, and Prestressed Concrete, Florida Mining and Materials, Stresscon, Gate Precast Co., and Coreslab Structures Inc., all in Florida. He also worked at Gate Precast Co. in North Carolina.

In 2003, Quinlan was named a PCI Fellow, and he

received the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award in 2016. He was instrumental in the initial development of *Ascent* magazine and received special recognition at the PCI convention in 1999 for leadership in developing the first PCI long-term marketing plan.

Quinlan served on the PCI Board of Directors from 1991 to 1994, 1999 to 2000, and 2000 to 2001. He served on the Executive Committee as secretary-treasurer in 2001, vice chairman in 2002, and chairman in 2003. He was also chair of Georgia/Carolinas PCI and the Florida Prestressed Concrete Association.

Quinlan chaired the PCI Marketing Council from 1991 to 1994, the PCI Market Plans Committee from 1999 to 2000, the *Ascent* Advisory Committee from 1992 to 1998, and the Budget Planning and Review Committee in 2002. He was also a member of the Marketing, Strategic Planning, Budget Planning and Review, and TMRD Committees.

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