

## CarbonBuilt, Master Builders plans to grow market for low-carbon concrete products

CarbonBuilt and Master Builders Solutions announced a collaboration focused on the development of admixtures for use with CarbonBuilt's low-cost and low-carbon technology platform. These admixtures will facilitate the application of CarbonBuilt's Reversa technology to a wide range of precast concrete products, including pavers, segmented retaining walls, hollow-core slabs, pipes, manholes, and other types of dry- and wet-cast products. In addition, the parties will explore the use of existing and new admixture chemistries to increase carbon dioxide utilization without sacrificing product performance, product cost, or process cycle time.

CarbonBuilt's Reversa formulations replace most or all of the portland cement used in concrete products with widely available materials, reducing raw material cost and embodied carbon. During the curing process, carbon dioxide taken directly from industrial sources, biomass, or emerging direct air capture solutions is permanently sequestered in the concrete. Together, these changes result in a 10% to 30% reduction in raw material costs and a 60% to 100% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, all while producing products that meet existing specifications.

-Source: Master Builders Solutions

# McCracken named national sales manager of thin brick at Ironrock

Terry McCracken was hired as national sales manager for thin brick at Ironrock on January 3, 2022. Ironrock's National Thin Brick Sales Manager is responsible for meeting and exceeding annual thin brick sales goals, creating and growing a national distribution channel, and establishing Metrobrick and Royal Thin Brick as leaders in the thin brick market.

Formerly a territory manager for Meridian Brick, McCracken has been in brick and thin brick sales for 24 years. McCracken has been responsible for brick sales in multiple eastern states and has sold thin brick in many western states. In his new role, he will make presentations to architects and specifiers, distributors, precasters, and tilt-up companies. He will also work with field-applied systems companies and other users and influencers for the Metrobrick and Royal Thin Brick product lines.

—Source: Ironrock Capital Inc.

# Tindall promotes three to senior VP positions

Tindall Corp. has promoted Cheryl Lang to senior vice president of administration, Rob Smith to senior vice president of operations of the Building Systems Group, and Joel Sheets to senior vice present of operations of the Infrastructure Group.

Lang joined Tindall in 1990 as a controller. In 2006, she was named vice president and chief financial officer. As senior vice president of administration, her duties include oversight of accounting and finance, human resources, safety, trucking, information technology, and marketing. Lang graduated from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City with a degree in business and earned a master's degree in business administration from Clemson University in South Carolina.

Smith started at Tindall in 2004 as an industrial engineer. In his new role as senior vice present of operations of the Building Systems Group, Smith will take the lead in strategic business planning and implementation for the company's residential, commercial, institutional, manufacturing and warehouse/distribution market segments, bringing engineered precast concrete solutions to its customer base. Smith serves on the board of directors for Georgia/Carolinas PCI and has participated on the PCI Board of Directors. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, where he earned a degree in industrial and systems engineering, and later pursued a master's degree in business administration from Clemson University.

Sheets joined the Tindall team in 2002, serving as a project manager and senior project manager for the South Carolina Prestress Division and subsequently serving in several roles with the utility team until he was appointed general manager of the division in 2008. As senior vice president of operations of the Infrastructure Group, Sheets will continue to lead the experienced team that brings innovative solutions built on speed and quality to the Southeast market, as well as explore opportunities to expand Tindall's infrastructure footprint beyond the new flagship plant that opened in 2021. Sheets serves as the chair-elect of the board of directors for the National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) and is a past member of the PCI Board of Directors. —Source: Tindall Corp.

## Tekna acquired by Knight's

Right's Companies has acquired Tekna Corp. and Sovereign Steel, both located in Charleston, S.C. Through this acquisition, Knight's Companies can provide additional product lines to its customers and participate more in upcoming infrastructure projects.

"It gives us diversification," Pete Knight, CEO of Knight's Companies, says. "While our book of business is currently focused on residential growth and commercial development, we can now offer prestressed foundation piling, bridge beams, bridge deck slabs, rebar packages and more to help our customers meet South Carolina's immediate infrastructure needs." —Source: Knight's Cos.

# Poe promoted to controller at Smith-Midland Corp.

Smith-Midland Corp. has promoted Stephanie Poe from accounting manager to controller effective January 1, 2022. Poe has worked in the Smooth-Midland accounting department for four years. She earned her bachelor of science in accounting from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., holds a master's in accounting from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and is a certified public accountant in the Commonwealth of Virginia. —Source: Smith-Midland Corp.

# GCP Applied Technologies signs agreement to be acquired by Saint-Gobain

GCP Applied Technologies Inc. has entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which Saint-Gobain will acquire all of the outstanding shares of GCP Applied Technologies for \$32.00 per share, in cash, in a transaction valued at approximately \$2.3 billion.

The agreed-upon price represents a premium of 39% above the volume-weighted average price per GCP share for the 30 trading days ending on the undisturbed date of November 30, 2021. The business combination has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of Saint-Gobain and GCP Applied Technologies. Saint-Gobain has obtained undertakings from Starboard and Standard Investments (formerly known as 40 North)/Standard Industries to vote their respective stakes of 8.9% and 24.2% in favor of the transaction.

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-Source: GCP Applied Technologies

## Tindall groups business into building system, infrastructure segments

Tindall Corp. is officially becoming two distinct business groups: Tindall Building Systems Group and Tindall Infrastructure Group. "This realignment of the business allows our company to pay that much closer attention to what we do well and what sets us apart as we aggressively seek ways to continue to serve our customers and deliver innovative solutions to numerous market segments," says Greg Force, Tindall president and CEO.

Tindall's five prestress divisions will now be combined into the Tindall Building Systems Group. This group will continue to expand into the residential, commercial, institutional, manufacturing, and warehouse/distribution market segments. Rob Smith will lead Tindall Building Systems Group as senior vice president of operations.

Tindall's Utility Division is now its own entity called Tindall Infrastructure Group. With a state-of-the-art facility that opened in 2021 and advanced automation technology, this segment of the company is already developing the next generation of precast infrastructure and industrial solutions. Joel Sheets will lead Tindall Infrastructure Group as senior vice president of operations.

—Source: Tindall Corp.

## PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS

> PCI recently certified the following plant. For an explanation of the certification designations, visit http://www.pci.org/Plant\_Certification.

Castone Corp. in Opelika, Ala.: AA

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## 2 Stadiums,10 Miles Apart, Built Simultaneously.

- Project:Truist Park, home of the<br/>Atlanta Braves and<br/>Mercedes-Benz Stadium,<br/>home of the Atlanta Falcons<br/>and Atlanta United F.C.Client:Metromont Corporation
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