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A Brief Word...

If, “April showers bring May flowers”; then this promises to be a colorful and fragrant month!

This should be welcome news for the landscapers amongst you, but also bodes well for bridge, roadway, and building contractors. What makes me, “Carelessly Optimistic” as some would call me? Several things actually, most of which you will not hear reported on your regular newscast, particularly if you watch CNN or other U.S. television.

Credit is the biggest unsung hero for our industry. We actually have some! Did you know that TD Bank is now the 6th largest on the continent? According to a recent interview with their CEO, they backed-off U.S. sub-prime investments a few years ago, and have suffered minimal losses as a result. Will the “Loans Officer” tell you what you want to hear anymore? No. Will your financial institution be seriously engaged about your needs? Yes.

Inertia is the other significant factor being overlooked at the moment. In Ontario there has been major motorway expansion near Windsor, Ottawa and the Orillia-North Bay corridor. This is not “Shovel Ready” work, this is In-Progress work, when started a few years ago cannot be readily abandoned. In Quebec there is the “Laval Flyover Collapse” inspired province-wide bridge restoration and reconstruction projects. The oil patch has infrastructure commitments in preparation for the next exploration phase, and there are other such works in process everywhere.

“The flowers that bloom in the Spring, bring promise of merry sunshine, and earth-moving, bridge building, paving...” to paraphrase Gilbert & Sullivan.

On the cover: Eustache Paulin, owner of Pelletrac Inc., uses an Hitachi mini-excavator to dig around the foundations of a building on a waterproofing job.

Mr. Paulin is part of a network of specialized equipment owner-operators offering their services to general contractors and project managers around Montreal, Quebec.
St. Lawrence Cement announced recently a change of company name to Holcim (Canada) Inc. and the launch of the Holcim brand in Canada. This is a significant milestone in the company’s history, providing an opportunity to further build a strong, national presence and capitalize on the benefits of being part of the Holcim Group.

“Holcim is a leading global brand in the building materials industry, recognized for long term financial performance and leadership in environment, corporate social responsibility and sustainable construction,” said Paul Ostrander, president and CEO of Holcim (Canada) Inc. “This change is an important opportunity to implement a new strategy to build awareness for our brand and what it stands for as well as to align the look and feel of our aggregates, ready-mix concrete and construction businesses with our corporate brand to better demonstrate the strength and scope of our company.”

To reflect greater alignment with the corporate brand, the visual identities of Holcim Canada’s aggregates, ready-mix concrete and construction divisions, which operate under Dufferin brand names in Ontario and Demix brand names in Quebec, have also been refreshed.

Holcim entered the Canadian market in 1953 as St. Lawrence Cement with the commissioning of a cement plant on the St. Lawrence River. Since then, through ongoing capital investment and strategic acquisitions, the company has grown into one of the largest vertically integrated building materials and construction companies in Canada.

Employing approximately 3500 Canadians and generating annual revenues over $1.3 billion, Holcim (Canada) Inc. is a leading producer and supplier of products and services for the construction industry, serving customers across Canada.

Source: Holcim (Canada) Inc.

Bosch Rexroth Acquired a Majority Share in IGUS ITS

On March 31, 2009, Rexroth acquired a majority share in IGUS ITS GmbH, which is based in Dresden, Germany. IGUS ITS develops, manufactures and sells condition monitoring systems for wind energy plants. The company employs nine associates and had a 2008 turnover of approximately €700,000 (1 million $). An agreement has been made not to disclose the purchase price.

The condition monitoring systems manufactured by IGUS ITS monitor the condition of rotor blades in wind energy plants and also offer the option of diagnosing the formation of ice on the rotor blades. IGUS ITS is the only provider of this technology worldwide.

“The application of condition monitoring systems improves the total cost of ownership of wind energy plants, allowing us to offer our customers a greater economic benefit,” explains Dr. Albert Hieronimus, chairman of the Board of Management at Bosch Rexroth. Bosch Rexroth has been involved in wind energy plants since 2000, offering its customers a wide range of solutions for the production, transport and installation of rotor blades.

Source: Bosch Rexroth AG
energy technology since the mid 80s and today offers a wide range of gears as well as hydraulic solutions for wind energy plants. With the addition of these condition monitoring systems solutions, Bosch Rexroth now offers an extended range of products for this growing industry.

Source: Bosch Rexroth AG

NESTE OIL ONLY USES PALM OIL THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED RESPONSIBLY

Neste Oil is fully committed to using only palm oil that has been produced responsibly, and has a set of tough sustainability principles in place covering its procurement of bio-based raw materials. Thanks to the development of a system that enables it to trace the origin of all the palm oil that it uses, it knows exactly where and how its palm oil has been produced. Neste Oil has also committed itself to only using palm oil certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) as it becomes available in sufficient volumes.

Neste Oil is actively supporting work in the areas of legislation and certification designed to prevent the irresponsible production of palm oil. The company has committed itself to an alliance calling for a ban on the felling of rainforest and is playing an active role in the RSPO, and was the first oil company to join the organization.

“Our approach is very much to only use raw materials that are produced in line with the principles of sustainable development. We oppose the destruction of rainforest and anything that undermines human rights or natural biodiversity,” said president & CEO Matti Lievonen, speaking at Neste Oil’s Annual General Meeting in Helsinki today.

“Neste Oil is working with over 20 research communities in Europe, America, Africa, Asia, and Australia to develop and introduce new raw materials. We increased our R&D budget last year by a third, to €37 million (58 million $), and are devoting the bulk of our research efforts today to researching and identifying new types of renewable raw materials.”

Neste Oil Corporation is a refining and marketing company concentrating on low-emission, high-quality fuels. The company’s strategy is based on growing both its oil refining and premium-quality renewable diesel businesses. Neste Oil’s refineries have a combined crude oil refining capacity of approximately 260 000 bbl/d.

Source: Neste Oil Corporation

VESTAS RECEIVES ORDER FOR V90-3.0 MW TURBINES IN CANADA

TransAlta, Canada, has placed an order for 23 units of the V90-3.0 MW wind turbine to be installed at the company’s Ardenville wind farm in southern Alberta, Canada. The order for the 23 turbines, which will have an installed capacity of 69 MW, follows an order from TransAlta in May 2008 for 22 units of the V90-3.0 MW turbine.

“The V90-3.0 MW turbine is currently the largest wind turbine in commercial operation in North America. This order is further proof that Vestas will continue to play an important role in the development of Canada’s wind-generating capacity,” says Scott Gros, senior vice president of sales at Vestas Americas. “We are delighted that TransAlta has once again chosen Vestas as their preferred turbine supplier and we look forward to continuing the working relationship with a long-standing partner of ours.”

Source: Neste Oil Corporation
The 23 units of the V90-3.0 MW wind turbine for the Ardenville wind farm will be supplied and commissioned by Vestas, with delivery in mid-2010 and commissioning scheduled to be completed in early 2011. The order includes a five-year service and maintenance agreement.

Source: Vestas Americas

SATCON ANNOUNCES THREE YEAR, 330 MW AGREEMENT WITH ECOSTREAM

Satcon Technology Corporation, a leading provider of utility scale distributed power solutions for the renewable energy market, announced recently that it has signed a master supply agreement with Ecostream, one of the world’s leading sustainable energy system providers. Under this agreement, Satcon will provide Ecostream, part of sustainable energy company Econcern, with 330 MW of its industry leading renewable energy conversion solutions, including the PowerGate Plus line of solar PV inverters.

Ecostream’s commitment to developing sustainable energy systems with a long-term high return on investment will be supported by Satcon’s highly optimized PowerGate Plus solar PV inverters, which boost system power production and maximize the overall profitability of commercial and utility-scale solar PV systems. Satcon offers the industry’s most advanced renewable energy conversion platform and has delivered thousands of commercial and utility installations – cumulating millions of hours of highly reliable grid-connected power delivery.

With 11 power ratings ranging from 30 kW to 1 MW (UL and CE certified), Satcon offers the most field-tested and proven utility ready power conditioning systems in the

industry. Engineered from the ground up to meet the demands of large-scale installations, Satcon PV inverters feature an outdoor-rated enclosure, advanced monitoring and control capabilities, and Edge™, Satcon’s next-generation MPPT solution.

Source: Satcon Technology Corporation

TREMCO ACQUIRES CANAM BUILDING ENVELOPE SPECIALISTS

Already a leading provider of non-residential and residential construction products, systems and services, Tremco Incorporated has taken a significant step forward in helping customers manage their facilities for greater energy efficiency by acquiring Canam Building Envelope Specialists of Mississauga, Ontario. Zerodraft, a related company that provides specialized retrofit weatherstripping and distributes a variety of related insulation and sealant products, is also part of the acquisition. Terms were not disclosed.

Canam and its team of facility specialists will become part of the Tremco Roofing and Building Maintenance Division’s subsidiary, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., while Zerodraft joins Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing.

Canam is one of the leading building envelope contracting firms in North America, with more than 25 years of experience. Its contracting and consulting services focus on air sealing and air barrier systems, including new construction and retrofit contracting work, design consultation, field-testing, and installation of a variety of systems. Building owners and property managers use these services to address such issues as thermal discomfort, mold and other moisture problems, and ice damming. Typical building envelope upgrades lead to energy savings that contribute to a significant return on investment.

Source: Tremco Incorporated

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEALERSHIPS CLOSES ACQUISITION OF HEARTLAND EQUIPMENT

Rocky Mountain Dealerships Inc., a leading Canadian network of fullservice agricultural and construction equipment dealerships, announced recently that it has closed on the previously announced acquisition of Heartland Equipment Limited, a farm equipment dealership in Drumheller, Alberta.

Heartland represents the Case IH agriculture brand, and also carries Kubota, Bourgault, and Farm King equipment. In its most recent fiscal year ended October 31, 2008, Heartland reported approximate revenues of

OPS-1 On-Board Fluid Cleaning System

Oil Purification Systems (OPS) announced recently that Waste Pro has signed an agreement to install the OPS-1 system on its fleet of more than 800 collection vehicles. Waste Pro will roll out the implementation state by state at its 31 locations across Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. The OPS-1 system will enable Waste Pro to extend the time between oil changes, saving time and money on maintenance costs, while also minimizing negative effects to the environment.

The OPS-1 agreement is the latest environmental initiative undertaken by Waste Pro. As the company has grown and evolved, it has pro-actively entered the green age by purchasing environmentally-conscious vehicles to help reduce the carbon footprint and creating LEED certified pick-up for its customers. In the summer of 2008, Waste Pro acquired American Recycling with operations in Atlanta and Birmingham, Alabama. As a result of this acquisition, Waste Pro was awarded a long-term contract for the Atlanta Hartsfield airport to manage its recycling and waste collection. This will be the first large U.S. airport with such an extensive recycling program.

Source: Oil Purification Systems

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The unification of the Extec and Fintec brands into the Sandvik group of companies has created the world’s largest, most comprehensive, and dynamic line-up of mobile crushing and screening equipment in the world. The Sandvik Mobile Screens and Crushers range now delivers all the familiar characteristics of productivity, versatility and exceptionally low running costs combined with levels of durability and after-sales support that are synonymous with the Sandvik name. New name, improved service, same great product.
$28.1 million. Heartland’s dealership location is contiguous to the Company’s Balzac store and increases Rocky Mountain’s presence in the southeastern portion of Alberta.

Source: Rocky Mountain Dealerships Inc.

VENETOR GROUP EXPANDS TO OTTAWA!

Venetor Group of Companies, the largest independently owned Crane & Equipment Rental House in Ontario, is pleased to announce a new location on Bentley Avenue in Ottawa, Ontario.

With the newest facility in Eastern Ontario, Venetor is further able to provide exceptional and quality service to its customers. Dennis Beraldo, vice president of Branch Operations says “At Venetor, our main goal is to set the standard as a leader in the equipment rental business. Since the inception of the company, we have executed this mission successfully and this is exemplified by our geographic growth. We are continuing to make major investments to provide better service to customers, to differentiate ourselves from the competition and to accelerate growth.”

Venetor was recently listed as the 15th largest aerial lift company as well as the 14th largest company for telehandlers in North America by American Lift & Handlers Magazine.

The Venetor Group consists of two main operating companies: Venetor Crane Ltd., founded in 1975, the Crane Rental Division and Venetor Equipment Rental Inc., founded in 1996, the Aerial Work Platform Rental & Contractor’s Tool Division.

Source: The Venetor Group

U.S. PATENT OFFICE ISSUES 2ND PATENT FOR EPIPE®, PIPE RESTORATION SYSTEM

Pipe Restoration Technologies, LLC, announces, that on April 14, 2009, they were issued U.S. Patent #7,517,409 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This patent relates to a system for the in-place restoration of piping systems, trademarked as ePIPE®.

Commercialized as the ACE DuraFlo® System or ePIPE®, the patented method and system restores and protects metallic and non-metallic piping systems, “in-place,” without the extensive demolition that accompanies a traditional plumbing repipe. The process involves the application of an epoxy barrier coating to the inside of an existing piping system, engineered to extend original design life of piping systems, increase water flow, prevent corrosion, leaks and the leaching of heavy metals, such as lead and copper, into the water supply.

“The issuance of U.S. Patent #7,517,409 combined with our U.S Patent #7,160,574, issued January 9, 2007, provides additional validation of the innovation of the ePIPE system and affords us an additional depth of protection for our intellectual property portfolio. These patents, along with other pending patent applications, filed both within the U.S. and internationally, continue to strengthen our ACE DuraFlo and ePIPE product offerings. We are very proud of the innovation and the expertise contributed by our research and development team,” said Larry Gillanders, CEO and CTO of Pipe Restoration Technologies, LLC.

Source: Pipe Restoration Technologies, LLC

Allison Automatic-Equipped 40-Ton Dump Truck Provides Optimal Fuel Efficiency and Improved Productivity

Allison Transmission Inc. is proud to continue their partnership with Western Star Trucks and help produce a heavy-duty off-road hauler that delivers powerful performance, rugged durability and optimal fuel efficiency.

The Western Star 6900XD 40-ton dump, equipped with a heavy-duty 6-speed Allison 4500 RDS fully automatic transmission, is built to increase productivity per cycle and maximize profit per ton compared to traditional articulated dump trucks and rigid frame off-road dumps.

With full-power shifts, this Allison Automatic-equipped dump not only accelerates faster, it gets up to and works within the optimum duty-cycle speed faster and more efficiently. That saves cycle time, which leads to greater productivity. In other words, more work gets done.

Allison Automatics have other features that contribute to fuel efficiency. Shift energy management (SEM) electronically controls engine speed during shifts to maintain a constant output of torque. This not only helps carry a load more efficiently and provides better acceleration it helps conserve fuel.

Allison Transmission has built a reputation on the ability to build transmissions that last just about forever. The smooth, seamless shifts virtually eliminate driveline component shock. Since Allison Automatics do not have mechanically-applied clutches, business owners will not have routine clutch burnout and replacement, which is a major downtime and expense concern with manual and automated manual transmissions.

The combination of Western Star Trucks and Allison Automatics gives heavy-duty vocational owners the right specification to achieve greater productivity, reliability and fuel efficiency, as well as haul in more profits for their business.

Allison Transmission, Inc. is the premier global provider of commercial duty automatic transmissions and hybrid propulsion systems. Allison products are specified by over 250 of the world’s leading vehicle manufacturers and are used in many market sectors including bus, refuse, fire, construction, distribution, military and specialty applications.

Source: Allison Transmission Inc.
**HYDROGEN ENGINE CENTER CANADA ANNOUNCES INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD’S BIGGEST HYDROGEN PROJECT**

Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc. (HEC) announced recently that it will be involved in an $11 million hydrogen energy technology demonstration project at Montreal’s Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport. The airport project is focused on testing and demonstrating hydrogen technologies and fueling infrastructures. Numerous hydrogen usages will be tested within the project, including but not limited to, passenger transportation, cargo handling, various power sources as well as hydrogen “filling” technologies. A main goal of the project is to demonstrate how hydrogen can be integrated into existing environments safely and effectively.

Ted Hollinger, HEC’s founder and Jan Rowinski, HEC Canada’s chairman of the Board were in Montreal for the announcement of this project and are pleased that HEC Canada will be responsible for providing and installing up to 10 hydrogen-fueled 4.9L internal combustion engines for installation in existing airport luggage tractors.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec are major partners in the project along with Air Liquide who is participating in the project and acting as the Projects Manager. HEC plans to work directly with Air Liquide on all aspects of the hydrogen-fueled internal combustion engines.

Source: Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc.

**COCO PAVING ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT WITH LAFARGE TO ACQUIRE ASPHALT AND PAVING OPERATIONS**

Coco Paving Inc. recently confirmed its acquisition of the Ontario and Quebec asphalt and paving construction operations of Lafarge Eastern Canada.

Upon completion of the deal, Coco Paving will grow to 40 locations and add over 1000 new employees to its base of 200 in Windsor, Ontario. The acquisition includes 31 asphalt plants in Ontario, 2 in Quebec and additional regional offices. Financing for the deal was underwritten by the Bank of Montreal and the transaction is expected to close the first week of June.

The acquisition will make Coco Paving the largest asphalt producer and road paving contractor in Ontario. In terms of size of business, Coco Paving has traditionally focused on a small number of large-scale projects.

Source: Coco Paving Inc.

**AxioMatiC Technologies Catalog**

AxioMatiC Technologies announces the release of its new printed catalog, which highlights the company’s growing lines of compact rugged controllers packaged for harsh operating environments.

The catalog includes a broad range of CAN SAE J1939 or CANopen I/O modules, valve drivers, engine temperature monitoring devices and battery chargers, as well as analog controls, DC converters, surge protectors and much more.

Each model number is listed for easy ordering, and provides input/output specifications and packaging dimensions. It is a condensed yet helpful tool to assist in which products are right for you and your application.

Since there are thousands of applications that are new, unique, or too complicated – such that no generic product could meet all the needs – AxioMatiC offers rapid development of new control solutions for OEM requirements. Please contact AxioMatiC for OEM control design or off-the-shelf solutions.

Source: AxioMatiC Technologies

**New Products at 2009 IADC/SPE Drilling Conference**

Downhole Products, PLC recently previewed their latest innovation, the Drilling Enhanced Performance System Tool (DEPS), to attendees of the 2009 IADC/SPE Drilling Conference in Amsterdam. This patent-pending tool provides solutions for torque, drag and cuttings bed challenges in extended reach and ultra reach drilling.

A prototype of the DEPS™ tool was on display and Downhole Products’ Bill Barron was on hand to answer technical questions from potential customers. Mr. Barron noted that the company had invested heavily in research and development to deliver, what he considers, an industry-needed solution.

"Operators shared their problems with us and we studied, designed and evaluated solutions for their issues for more than six years. All of that energy was funneled into this DEPS tool which essentially combines the functions of multiple drill string tools into one innovative design," Bill Barron explained.

He added, “There is a lot of risk involved when you add more and more components on the drill string. This was an effort to help our customers streamline their BHA while still retaining the benefits of hole cleaning, torque reduction and vibration mitigation tools.”

The DEPS tool is a multifunctional device providing solutions for: cuttings removal; drill string drag reduction; drill string torque reduction; pipe buckling; stuck pipe; casing wear; and axial, lateral and torsional vibration.

Downhole Products also featured their industry-leading centralization and advanced reaming shoe products at the conference. Additionally Downhole Products had examples of the “Grippy” cable and control line clamps at the exhibition.

Source: Downhole Products, PLC
The Terex® CR300L Series asphalt pavers from Terex Roadbuilding deliver the optimum balance of power, size and weight, so they can be used in a variety of applications from small parking lots and pavement overlays to development streets and county highways.

The 2,4 m wide CR300L Series come with either rubber tire (CR352L), rubber track (CR362L), or steel track (CR362SL) drive systems to meet customer preference. The series’ fully electronic, Tier-3- and Stage-III-A-compliant diesel engine develops 160 hp and features an electronic governor. With the CR352L boasting the largest drive tire in its class and the entire series incorporating the same Sauer-Danfoss 90 Series propel pumps found on larger Terex® pavers, the CR300L Series delivers maximum traction for the most demanding applications. The rubber track CR362L features the Terex-exclusive Smartrac™ System that automatically maintains proper track tensioning at all times, significantly extending service life for lower operating costs.

While similar class pavers offer a fixed rear suspension that compromises mat smoothness, the CR300L Series pavers lay higher quality mats through their exclusive Three-Point Suspension System, which essentially floats the paver over subbase irregularities to maintain preset screed slope and grade. The series also includes the patented Frame Raise System, which raises and lowers the rear of the paver, allowing the operator to fine-tune the head of material at the spreading augers to improved mat quality. All CR300L Series pavers feature a 9 t hopper capacity. The hopper length offers ample tailgate clearance for end-dump trucks, enabling more efficient truck unloading. Asphalt mix is channeled from the hopper to the spread augers by the same heavy-duty chain, sprocket and slat bar delivery system found on the Terex® CR400 and CR500 Series mainline pavers to minimize wear costs.

Three screed designs can be attached to the CR300L Series pavers. Offering electric or fuel-oil heat, the Stretch 16® rear extension screed delivers hydraulically extendible widths from 2,4 to 4,9 m and paving widths to 5,4 m with extensions. Featuring front-mounted extensions for quick width changes, the electric VersaScreed Series offers hydraulically extendible paving widths. The fixed width 2,4 m Fastach offers a variety of pin-lock extension segments to deliver paving widths from 2,4 to 5,4 m.

Source: Terex Corporation

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2009 VISTA Competition Recognizes North America’s Best Volvo Truck Technicians

Service technicians from Volvo Trucks North America dealership Paré Centre du Camion Volvo in Levis, Quebec emerged victorious at the Volvo VISTA 2009 competition on April 16. VISTA is a hands-on competition to select the top dealer service and parts personnel, and to highlight technician excellence. It is also an exciting and effective way to maintain a high level of technical skill and proficiency in the Volvo dealer network.

The members of the winning team were Daniel Blais, Benoit Raby and Mario Labrecque. This was the second time this team has won the Volvo VISTA competition in North America; their first win was in 2003.

The other two teams to reach the final rounds represented GATR of Sauk Rapids, Inc., Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, and Central Valley Truck Center, Fresno, California. A total of 148 three person teams from 85 Volvo dealers competed in the latest VISTA challenge since its start last October. Participation in the biennial event requires significant dedication of time and effort by the participants. Each team usually consists of a mix of service and parts experts.

There were three rounds of competition involving online technical questions to produce three teams of finalists, who then traveled to Greensboro for the final round. All the answers for the written questions are contained in Volvo service and parts literature, and the finalists were tested on their knowledge of service bulletins and ability to look up parts and service information within the Volvo system. There was also a strong hands-on element to the competition, where the contestants had to troubleshoot pre-determined faults placed on two Volvo trucks and a Volvo D13 engine.

Since the VISTA program began in Scandinavia in 1977, Volvo has seen a strong correlation between dealers with teams in the final round and high customer satisfaction indexes. This has been linked to dealer leadership and willingness to invest in personnel and competence development.

Source: Volvo Trucks North America
Cimline Pavement Maintenance Group (CPMG) recently announced Asphalt Concrete Equipment to be the newly authorized dealer for Ontario.

CPMG, which consists of Cimline, DuraPatcher and Equipt has steadily grown to become the leading manufacturer of pavement maintenance equipment. This growth has resulted in a wealth of knowledge and technical expertise in the field of pavement preservation. A continuous innovator and dedicated partner to both municipalities and contractors, CPMG has sought equally committed and experienced dealers to represent them across Canada and around the world.

With this level of expertise and customer support in mind, CPMG is proud to welcome Asphalt Concrete Equipment as their exclusive Ontario distributor. To mark the occasion attendees to this year’s NHES may have seen the DuraPatcher 125-DJT, the state of the art in spray injection pothole patching.

ACE is a privately owned specialist dealer serving the asphalt and concrete pavement industry. According to Chris Brown, ACE owner and manager, “CPMG gives us the ability to fill a need many of our customers have. Pot hole repair, crack filling and sealcoating are often overlooked practices that our customers have told us they want to develop, grow and expand their businesses with. We see Cimline/DuraPatcher/Equipt as the premium brands that fit well with our other products and provide the productivity and quality our customers expect from us.”

For more information, or to learn more about pavement preservation visit, www.cimline.com

Source: Cimline Pavement Maintenance Group
Haldex Commercial Vehicle Systems announces that custom trailer manufacturer, Performance Trailers has selected Haldex Trailer Roll Stability (TRS) as a standard product offering on its trailers.

Rollovers are costly and often result in serious injury and property damage. Reducing the possibility of rollovers is critical to driver safety and cuts costly expenses that are detrimental.

The system, built on Haldex's newest 4S/2M ABS platform, provides the next generation of high performance braking along with roll stability safety technology. TRS is designed for one to three or more axle trailers using an air suspension. The system delivers superior braking performance by adjusting for the trailer conditions during normal and ABS braking events as well as reacting if conditions indicate a rollover is imminent.

Founded in 1991, Performance Trailers has established a reputation as a leader in the design and construction of custom trailers used to carry everything from racing cars to portable corporate displays. The company has designed trailers for such companies as Ford Motor Co., General Motors, Nissan and Toyota, which use the trailers to haul multimillion-dollar concept cars to trade shows.

Source: Haldex Commercial Vehicle Systems

Vermeer has introduced an electric-powered horizontal grinder for wood waste recycling. The HG6000E drum is powered by two electrical motors producing 600 hp (447.4 kW) while two separate electric motors power the hydraulic circuits and cooling system.

The unit is available in a skid-mount configuration for placement in a permanent location while the trailer-mount configuration allows for periodic movement. Both configurations require a hard wire installation.

To maximize productivity, the exclusive SmartGrind feature stops and reverses material from feeding into the patented duplex drum when motor amperage exceeds an efficient operating range. The reversible hammers and cutter blocks on the duplex drum last nearly twice as long as single-sided designs.

A multifunction, wireless remote control allows the operator to control most operating functions from a maximum operating distance of 90 m.

Source: Vermeer Corporation

Four additional models of spark-ignited generator sets from Cummins Power Generation Inc. have received certification to the new exhaust emissions standards required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The newly certified models range in size from 85 kW to 150 kW. They join a portfolio of five previously certified spark-ignited generator sets ranging in size from 20 kW to 75 kW.

Under the new EPA regulations, all standby spark-ignited generator sets with engines manufactured after Dec. 31, 2008 are required to meet new emissions standards.

Engines not certified by the manufacturer must be brought into compliance by the owner or operator. Cummins Power Generation was the first to market with Tier 3 diesel generator sets. To maintain its market leadership with compliant spark-ignited generator sets, the company developed an emissions solution package that includes an electronic air-fuel-ratio (eAFR) control and an oxygen sensor for all spark-ignited generator set models, and an additional three-way catalyst for models above 80 kW. This solution package does not change the generator set’s dimensions or footprint – customers can continue using the same generator set enclosures and installation dimensions but receive the benefit of lower emissions and higher performance.

Source: Cummins Power Generation Inc.
Subaru Adds Heavy-Duty “Hammer-Guard” Feature To Protect Engine Recoil

Subaru introduces the new Hammer-Guard feature to its line of high performance air-cooled, 4-cycle overhead cam EX Series engines. The Hammer-Guard is specifically engineered to protect the engine recoil from damage associated with equipment abuse during transport or on the jobsite. Engines without this type of protection are commonly dented in the recoil area, typically leading to a malfunctioning spring and unusable recoil.

Now standard on all Subaru EX Series engines, the Hammer-Guard is constructed of a high-strength poly resin composite reinforced by a thick plate of metal. By drastically increasing the engine’s durability, the new protective feature extends equipment life and eliminates the need for repairs due to accidental or negligent damage to the recoil. During field tests, the Hammer-Guard has been proven strong enough to withstand forceful blows from a small sledgehammer.

In addition to providing enhanced strength and protection, the Hammer-Guard also acts as a muffler, reducing noise levels by 2 dBA. In combination with existing OHC design advantages, these features make the EX engines a full 4 dBA quieter in exhaust tone than other same-class engines.

Since arriving on the market in 2001, the Subaru EX Series has sold approximately 1.7 million units worldwide. The series includes seven models ranging in piston displacement from 126 cm³ to 404 cm³. The engines have been rated highly by users for achieving both outstanding low-emission environmental performance and user-friendliness – such as low noise and easy start-up operation – while also remaining durable and reliable.

Subaru Industrial Engines are manufactured by Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd., Japan. Fuji Heavy Industries is a diversified manufacturer of Subaru automobiles, aircraft, ecotechnologies and industrial engines and equipment. Subaru engines are marketed and supported in North America by Robin America, Inc., a subsidiary of Fuji Heavy Industries.

Source: Robin America, Inc.
Caterpillar Introduces Two New Tier 4 Interim/Stage IIIB Technology Industrial Engines At Intermat

At Intermat, Caterpillar introduced the Cat® C7.1 ACERT™ and C9.3 ACERT™, the two newest members of the forthcoming Cat® Tier 4 Interim/Stage IIIB diesel engine lineup.

Designed for construction, material handling and other industrial applications, the new midrange models cover the critical horsepower band from 175 to 440 hp. These new engine platforms produce fuel consumption improvements of up to 5% compared to existing Tier 3/Stage IIIA engines. Fuel economy improvements are dependent upon and subject to application, ratings and operating conditions. When completely unveiled, the Cat Tier 4 Interim/Stage IIIB industrial engine lineup will include over twenty models from 11-1200 hp.

Utilizing ACERT™ Technology as a foundation, Caterpillar added next generation turbocharging, advanced electronics, advanced fuel systems, particulate aftertreatment systems and a suite of NOx reduction technologies to provide tailored emissions solutions to industrial engine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) customers. Through years of proven results with ACERT Technology, Caterpillar has provided the broadest range of emissions technology solutions in the industry with a full range of fuel system, engine system, aftertreatment, machine system design and integration capabilities.

Backed by the most extensive dealer network in the world, the new engines provide customers with the best choice for their most demanding industrial applications.

Source: Caterpillar

IPD Introduces Its New C12 Product Line

IPD has just released its latest new product launch, a full line of engine replacement parts for the popular Caterpillar® C12 series engine.

The new launch from IPD includes basic overhaul kits, cylinder kits, bearings, IPDStyle 1-2-3™ and multiple style gasket sets, valve train, cam and pin bushings, and other new products to come. This line covers all the basic overhaul parts necessary to rebuild the C12 engine.

According to Steve Scott, IPD director of product development and technical support, "Trucking mileage has slowed considerably, and the construction and mining industries have become more competitive than ever. IPD realizes that engine owners need to save money now so we have continued to bring products into our line that help lower Caterpillar®-owners’ costs.”

The new C12 line is the latest in a string of new products that IPD has released over the past few years, specifically designed to lower the cost of rebuilding Caterpillar® engines without jeopardizing engine performance or life. “The quality of this new line of parts is typical to what mechanics around the world have come to expect from IPD, and the parts are competitively priced to save costs on C12 rebuilds," Mr. Scott added.

In addition to the C12, IPD has developed other engine families and parts during the past few years including On Highway applications such as the Cat® 3406E and C15 engines, as well as Off highway or cross-over engines such as the Cat® 3116, and the 3126.

“We want to continue showing our customers that they have the support of IPD and the thousands of IPD distributors and engine rebuilders across the globe in helping them maintain their fleets and lower their operating budgets,” Steve Scott concluded.

IPD has been manufacturing high quality diesel and natural gas components since 1955 and is ISO9001:2000 certified. IPD is a business unit of Storm Industries Inc.

Source: IPD LLC

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EcoStar, a leading manufacturer of steep-slope roofing products, offers a full line of premium roofing tiles made from 80% recycled rubber and plastics that are the perfect roofing solution for builders who are following the trend to build green.

“As consumers look for sustainable solutions, it can sometimes be difficult to determine what products are truly environmentally friendly and which ones have just jumped on the green bandwagon,” said Charlie Taft, EcoStar regional manager.

“EcoStar synthetic slate and shake tiles are the only tiles on the market made from 80% post-industrial recycled rubber and plastics.”

Whether building new or restoring and upgrading an existing home, EcoStar tiles offer a truly sustainable alternative to slate or shake. For recapturing the traditional beauty of an historic property, EcoStar’s Majestic Slate™ Tiles combine the distinctive style of the craftsman’s original slate roofing products with the lightweight, cost-effective advantages of synthetic materials. Builders of new homes who are incorporating green elements are turning to EcoStar tiles as a sustainable alternative to slate and shake.

EcoStar’s Majestic Slate and Designer Series tiles offer long-term durability and proven performance unrivaled by traditional roofing products. Majestic Slate and Designer Series tiles are half the weight of traditional slate; yet offer superior durability and long-term protection backed by EcoStar’s 50-year Gold Star Warranty.

Available in five unique profiles and nine distinctive colors, EcoStar tiles are able to create the same, distinctive color variations common in traditional slate roofing. The Majestic Slate Traditional and Designer Series tiles offer the versatility to be installed alone or in combination with one another to create a truly unique, one-of-a-kind look.

In addition to its Majestic Slate Traditional and Designer Series tiles, EcoStar offers Seneca Plus and Seneca Shake Cedar Tiles™ that provide a durable alternative to traditional wood shake. To help lengthen the life of any roof, EcoStar also carries a full line of accessories including snow guards, ridge vents and underlayments.

Source: Carlisle Construction Materials
Detroit Diesel Delivers First BlueTec Customer Demo Units

Detroit Diesel Corporation has delivered its first two BlueTec® emissions technology customer demo units (CDU) to Schneider National, Inc., the nation’s largest truckload carrier. The CDUs will be integrated into Schneider’s fleet to gain valuable real-world experience with the technology in advance of EPA 2010 regulations.

Delivered in late January 2009, the Schneider CDUs are Freightliner Cascadias equipped with Detroit Diesel DD15™ engines, and have already logged more than 72,000 km.

Steve Duley, vice president of purchasing for Schneider National, noted that they keep close tabs on the units and provide Detroit Diesel feedback every day, including responses from drivers and technicians.

“By actually field testing the technology, we are putting the units into real-life situations, which ultimately helps Detroit Diesel engineers to identify every possible issue in advance,” said Mr. Duley. “We are confident the experience we gain from CDUs will give us additional time to prepare for the transition.”

Schneider’s participation in the BlueTec field test is part of its ongoing commitment to running the most energy-efficient fleet in the industry.

Source: Detroit Diesel Corporation

Navistar adds Bendix Electronic Stability Control to Its Medium-Duty and Severe Service Trucks

International® DuraStar® and WorkStar® medium-duty and severe service trucks now offer the latest advancements in electronic stability control technology.

“From snowplows and utility trucks to mixers and construction vehicles, truck customers are constantly looking for ways to prevent crashes and improve the safety of their fleet,” said Jim Hebe, Navistar senior vice president, North American sales operations. “With this latest stability system, we can provide maximum rollover mitigation and help prevent loss-of-control situations that often result in rollovers on dry, wet, snow- and ice-covered roads.”

The Bendix® ESP® Electronic Stability Program delivers full-stability performance for a variety of applications. Bendix ESP is the first, widely-available ABS-based truck stability system capable of recognizing and assisting with both rollover and vehicle under- and over-steer driving situations and a variety of road conditions.

The Bendix ESP stability system continuously monitors a variety of vehicle parameters and sensors to determine if the vehicle is reaching a critical stability threshold. When such a situation develops, the Bendix ESP system will quickly and automatically intervene to assist the driver. The system can selectively apply vehicle brakes, as well as de-throttle the engine typically faster than the driver.

Source: Navistar International Corporation

Continental Provides New Tires for Payload Transporter

Continental Tire North America, Inc. recently provided new tires for a ground transporter vehicle that will be used to support Atlas V rocket launch processing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

United Launch Alliance (ULA), a joint venture of The Boeing Company and Lockheed Martin Corporation, contacted Continental to provide replacement tires for its KAMAG Transporttechnik self-propelled Transporter Platform. Continental was chosen to supply the replacement tires based on the manufacturer’s specifications, said Steven Mansker, subcontract administrator for the ULA’s Atlas V Launch Operations Program at Vandenberg.

The KAMAG transporter, which is 19.3 m long, is used to move Atlas flight hardware from its loading facility to the launch pad at ULA’s Space Launch Complex 3 at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The capacity of the KAMAG transporter is 200,000 kg and it travels at 13 km/h.

Continental provided a set of 82 15-inch HTR (Heavy Trailer Regional) tube-type tires for the KAMAG transporter and they were installed in mid-April, said Clif Armstrong, Continental’s director of marketing for Commercial Vehicle Tires – The Americas.

Continental’s HTR features a multiple-rib tread design that provides excellent wet traction and lateral stability. The tire’s high ply ratings provide durability for long casing life, and see-through grooves aid in water evacuation.

The Atlas and Delta expendable launch vehicles have carried nearly 1300 combined payloads to space ranging from weather, telecommunications and national security satellites, to deep space and interplanetary exploration missions.

Source: Continental Tire North America, Inc.
Merlo Telehandlers Now Distributed by Mazergroup in Manitoba

Manulift, Canadian importer of Merlo innovative telehandlers, has recently concluded an important contract with Mazergroup for exclusive distribution of Merlo products in Manitoba. Mazergroup is the most important New Holland dealer in Canada. This giant Manitoba company is already involved in construction and agriculture with 13 branch offices now carrying the entire Merlo range of 72 models.

Manulift, the leader in telehandlers in eastern Canada is now heading west with a strategic expansion plan for 2009. The expansion plan consists of signing dealer agreements with dynamic businesses established and recognized in their respective provinces for the quality of their goods and services.

In order to ensure growth and to support new dealers, a start-up plan has been jointly established with all the Manulift departments. For a 90-day period, this plan includes providing the tools and training for the sales, parts and mechanics departments. After the 90-day period, the new dealers will be able to operate the Merlo franchise autonomously with Manulift continuing to provide support and expertise.

A variety of models will soon be delivered to the branch offices of Mazergroup including rotating (Roto) and Panoramic models for construction and the Turbofarmer and Multifarmer models for agriculture. Due to the exclusive technology and patents of the Merlo models, more than 550 machines have been sold in Canada since 2004. Class 1 hydrostatic transmission, full anti-torsion ring of steel, motors and low fuel consumption hydraulic systems are just some of the traits that Manitobans will be able to appreciate in the months to come.

“Mazergroup is a family business like Manulift. There is a new dynamic generation with growth ideas that will work through the Merlo range. We are therefore very happy to conclude this contract. We foresee a very good future in Manitoba with this deal for the Merlo brand and a good business relationship,” comments David Latour, Manulift sales manager.

Source: Manulift EMI Ltd.

Sweeper Test Results Highlight Positive Impact of Sweeping on Dust Control and Air Quality

Elgin Sweeper announced that Canada's Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Program has verified the data from air quality performance tests conducted by the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI) on two Elgin Sweeper models – a Crosswind® NX regenerative air street sweeper and a mechanical Waterless Eagle® FW mechanical street sweeper. The ETV verification also confirms that PAMI's tests followed the City of Toronto “PM10 and PM2.5 Street Sweeper Efficiency Test Protocol, Version 1,” issued in 2008 – also known as the Toronto Sweeper Testing Protocol. A summary of the results of the Elgin Sweeper air quality tests is available for review at www.etvcanada.ca/verifiedtechs.asp.

Based in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, PAMI is an applied research, development and testing organization that provides independent, third-party testing of vehicles, machinery and components used in agriculture, transport, military, aeronautics, forestry, and mining industries.

Ron Schmidt, vice president of technology development for the Environmental Solutions Group, which includes Elgin Sweeper, says that other brands within the Environmental Solutions Group – such as Vactor Manufacturing and Guzzler Manufacturing – further enhance environmental well-being with such products as Vactor sewer cleaners and Guzzler air movers and industrial vacuum trucks that remove contaminants from stormwater retention ponds and industrial sites.

The ETV Program is designed to support Canada's environmental industry by providing credible and independent verification of technology performance claims. ETV Canada is the independent verification organization which manages Canada's Environmental Technology Verification Program under a license agreement with Environment Canada. ETV Canada also offers a reliable assessment process for verifying the environmental performance claims associated with projects and programs, as well as technologies.

Source: Federal Signal Corporation
New MethoCAD module boosts mobile crane safety

The newest version of the award-winning MethoCAD site preparation software from Creative Business Solutions includes an innovative new module designed to ensure the safe operation of mobile cranes, particularly when they are dismantling tower cranes.

There have been several fatal accidents when operators have overridden the safety controls in order to carry loads that are too high for distance they are reaching, says general manager Albert Fitoussi. “This is the direct consequence of a lack of preparation,” he says. Studying the site layout would have indicated potential problems, but an estimated 70% of companies do not carry out this kind of check to their mobile cranes before work starts on site, he says.

The new version 9 of MethoCAD makes it easy to address the issue. The new module helps the user to check that the proposed mobile crane’s boom length, angles and loads will be within allowable limits. At the click of a button, the user can see on a plan drawing the loads at each position of the crane hook, with concentric circles indicating allowable values.

MethoCAD contains information supplied by manufacturers so that the capacities of different models are accurately represented. The CAD-based software also takes account of space limitations on site, which can be a particular issue once the permanent works are in place.

All too often, the mobile crane driver arrives on site only to find that access is limited and that the job would require the crane hook to be extended further than permitted values. Planning the operation in MethoCAD helps avoid the dangerous situation where the operator decides to override the safety devices and attempt the job by lifting loads greater than those that are authorized by the manufacturer.

Planning in advance improves productivity and avoids accidents, says Mr. Fitoussi. Preparations for mobile cranes tend to be neglected, even though companies do generally now plan in advance where they will position their tower cranes, he says.

MethoCAD’s modular-based system also covers tower crane planning, with features to ensure safe loading and avoid clashes by checking the minimum clearances between cranes. This can be particularly complex on sites with many cranes. “It can’t be managed without software,” he says.

The MethoCAD system contains modules for planning all types of site operations so that potential problems are identified before construction starts. Creative Business Solutions is celebrating the 20th anniversary of MethoCAD this year and the mobile crane tool brings the total number of modules to a very appropriate 20.

The new modules join others which cover aspects of site preparation such as layout, 3D site modelling, formwork planning, tower cranes and site safety. MethoCAD has also recently added a module to help sites achieve high environmental standards in areas such as recycling materials, avoiding ground pollution and minimizing traffic disruption to neighbours.

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Portable Traffic Signals Help Contractors Start Infrastructure Projects Faster

North America Traffic, is experiencing a dramatic increase in requests for their portable traffic signals since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law. To date, sales are 250% higher than the same time last year. As a result, North America Traffic has increased production to meet the high demand.

Contractors bidding on infrastructure projects funded by the Act are using portable traffic signals instead of conventional temporary traffic signals to cut project start up by up to a month; putting people back to work more quickly.

Most two lane road and bridge repairs require a single lane closure with two-way traffic flow in the other lane controlled by traffic lights. The repair work cannot start until the traffic signals are operational.

Temporary traffic signals can take up to a month to become operational. The signals require wood poles to be installed, electricity run to the site and signal heads installed. It can take several weeks to locate and mark underground utilities prior to digging, bring power to the site and install the signals.

Conversely, portable traffic signals are set up in less than ten minutes. They run on battery power charged by solar panels and provide unlimited runtime. They do not require any digging and eliminate the need for bringing power lines to the site.

North America Traffic’s PTL 2.4x model is trailer mounted and compact with tandem towing capability. When fully erected the upper signal head sits 17 feet above the roadway and the lower head sits off the roadway eight feet above the ground. The system also includes a radio remote control which allows the workers to stop and start traffic flow whenever they need to bring their trucks into the work zone.

At the project’s conclusion, the portable traffic signals are lowered and towed to the next project whereas additional project time is needed to dismantle temporary traffic signals.

In addition, temporary traffic signals are costly and job overhead costs, such as the project manager’s wages, vehicle expenses, site trailer rental, telephone, and electricity eat up the contractor’s budget while waiting for the installation of the temporary signals. At the end of the project the contractor has nothing to show for it.

Portable traffic signals are significantly less expensive and reusable, saving thousands of dollars on every project.

Source: North America Traffic

baum 2010 Expects High Proportion of International Exhibitors

The deadline for receipt of registration applications from exhibitors has now passed, but the organizers of bauma 2010, Messe München GmbH, are very satisfied with the response so far. Interest from exhibitors across all product sections is so strong that it accounts for the entire exhibition space reserved for the event – a total of 540 000 m² spread between the exhibition halls and the open-air site. "Inquiries from first-time and regular exhibitors from Asia are more numerous for bauma 2010 than ever before," revealed Georg Möller, exhibition director. This all indicates that for bauma 2010 there will be a further rise in the proportion of international exhibitors.

Of the 3002 exhibitors at the last bauma in 2007, 1643 came from 48 countries outside Germany, which is equivalent to more than 54% of the total. The countries with the strongest exhibitor contingents were Italy, the U.S., Great Britain and China.

This development is a clear signal that bauma is the key event in the worldwide exhibition calendar of the sector, despite the current economic climate.

For the next bauma leading industry associations in Germany, under the auspices of the VDMA, Germany’s engineering federation and conceptual sponsor of bauma, will be launching an international innovations prize, divided into five categories and open to all exhibitors at the fair. Exhibitors can find out about the award at www.bauma-innovation-award.com and send in their applications. The deadline is September 15, 2009.

Messe München International has built up global competence in the organization of international trade fairs for construction machinery. In Munich, it hosts bauma, the world’s leading trade fair for the sector, and in Shanghai, it organizes bauma China, the leading event of its kind for the Asian market. bauma China takes place every two years.

The latest products from the international construction, building-materials and mining machinery sectors will be on show at bauma in Munich from April 19 to 24, 2010.

Source: Messe München GmbH

Innovations in Safety Technology

On October 18, 1999, Kim Vendl was killed when a dump truck, moving about 5 mph, backed over her without any warning. In response, WAC 296-155-305 was born which recommends using hard hat mounted rear-view mirrors “to warn and protect… from traffic and equipment approaching from behind.” Neuwaukum Industries Inc. became a front-runner in this campaign to save lives and reduce injuries by introducing the GOBLIN™ Hard Hat Safety Mirrors. Designed for anyone wearing a hard hat, these mirrors expand the wearer’s peripheral vision zone and greatly improve safety in the work zone.

Source: Neuwaukum Industries Inc.
10th Anniversary Highlights Trends for 2010 Garden & Floral Expo

It is never too early to mark your calendar for Canada's premier fall buying show for the green and floral industries. Marking their 10th successful year, Landscape Ontario's Garden & Floral Expo will take place on October 20 - 21, 2010 at the Toronto Congress Centre.

Each year, the Garden & Floral Expo attracts industry professionals – retailers, growers, garden centre owners, florists, gift and mass merchant retailers from Canada's largest horticultural marketplace. In a recent survey conducted by Landscape Ontario, 89% of Garden & Floral Expo attendees cited new products as the number one reason for attending.

Additionally, the 2010 Expo is a great place to discover industry trends, attend informative workshops, source new suppliers and network with industry experts from all different sectors of the business.

Landscape Ontario will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Garden & Floral Expo, with great food, drinks and music, recognizing industry stakeholder who have helped shape the organization’s vision.

Scheduled for October 19, 2009, the Garden Centre Symposium will feature Tom Shay, Kip Creel and Jeff Morey. It is being held at the Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada as part of the Garden & Floral Expo trade show.

Tom Shay of Profits Plus is well-known as a fourth-generation business owner, author, columnist, business coach and speaker. He shares and teaches from his frontline experience to challenge attendees with proven methods of building business with existing customers, increasing their overall return on investment and having fun at the same time.

As president of Standpoint Marketing Research, Kip Creel brings invaluable information on shifting demographics and how the different expectations of Generation X & Y shoppers are shaping the garden centers of the future. His insights will help retailers to create the innovative programs that will drive incremental sales gains.

As the publisher of several industry magazines and producer of the Independent Garden Center show, Jeff Morey knows that independent garden center retailers cannot allow themselves to be comfortably content. His messages will reinforce the need for the industry to keep pushing the edge of the envelope with great merchandising, superior product selection and uncompromising quality.

Source: Landscape Ontario

Registration Is Open for ICUEE 2009

Registration for ICUEE – The Demo Expo is already open. Attendees can register online for the exhibition, as well as show education and housing, and they can save time and money by registering in advance. Full details are online at www.icuee.com.

ICUEE is the International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition, and the biennial event will be held October 6-8, 2009 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

“Without a doubt, these are difficult times for companies, but they know they need to keep up to speed to be ready for the recovery. And, AEM trade shows such as ICUEE are a proven way for industry professionals to connect with each other and learn from each other,” stated show director Melissa Magestro. “At ICUEE, they’ll not only find the newest innovations, they can ‘test drive’ them right on the show site.”

Exhibit space sales are trending ahead of the last show with more than 93 000 m² taken. ICUEE’s value has increased with new co-located events for 2009 and a 100% increase in education offered, including sessions on sustainability and renewable energy. “Attendees will be ahead of their competition, with new ideas, sharpened skills and solid business connections,” Melissa Magestro stated.

New to ICUEE for 2009 are the inaugural H2O-XPO show (water and wastewater), the IUV Technical Conference and exhibit pavilion (design and engineering), and the iP Safety Conference and Safety Zone exhibit pavilion (safety and training).

Source: the International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition

Appointments

Kubota Corporation has named Satoshi Iida as new president of Kubota Tractor Corporation, based in Torrance, California.

Satoshi Iida, who has a Ph.D. in mechanical and systems engineering, has been with Kubota Corporation for 29 years and served in the company’s engineering, utility tractor, and construction equipment divisions. He was previously appointed to executive level management positions within Kubota, including his most recent appointment, prior to joining Kubota Tractor Corporation, as president of Kubota Europe in France. Mr. Iida is a member of Kubota Corporation’s Board of Directors.

Source: Kubota Tractor Corporation

David Shea, managing director of Top Lift Enterprises Inc., based in Stoney Creek, Ontario, is pleased to announce the appointment of Glenn Milum as territory manager.

Glenn Milum will be responsible for sales of Doosan construction equipment from Oakville to the Niagara region and Sennebogen material handling equipment in all of Ontario.

According to David Shea, Mr. Milum brings more than 15 years of sales experience to the marketing department of Top Lift Enterprises Inc. “We are pleased to add Glenn to our staff. His ability to understand the customers’ needs and to make sure they are getting the right equipment will make him a valuable addition to the team”, said Mr. Shea.

“It’s pretty exciting to be joining Top Lift. This is a company with great products, great service and a great reputation. Both Sennebogen and Doosan are leaders in their respective fields,” says Mr. Milum.

Source: Top Lift Enterprises Inc.
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June 14 - 17, 2009
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June 19 - 21, 2009
Montreal, QC Canada

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August 9 - 12, 2009
San Antonio, TX USA

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September 10 - 12, 2009
Quebec City, QC Canada

APOM Technical Day
September 11, 2009
Trois-Rivières, QC Canada

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September 21 - 25, 2009
Stockholm, Sweden

ICUEE - The International Construction & Utility Exposition
October 6 - 8, 2009
Louisville, KY USA

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October 7 - 9, 2009
Las Vegas, NV USA

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November 3 - 6, 2009
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- Fuel Conservation
- Counterfeit, Copycat or Brand Names – Do You Really Know What You're Getting?
- Today's and Tomorrow's Director of Maintenance

Wednesday, May 27
- Diabetes – Fourth Deadliest Disease on the Planet
- LCV (Long Combination Vehicles)
- Hands-On Training Sessions

Thursday, May 28
- Lubrication Specifications and Oil Analysis
- Alternative Climate Control

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