

### Case CE



Recently introduced and upgraded hydrostatic dozer models from Case Construction Equipment are the subjects of two new brochures available for download from [www.casece.com](http://www.casece.com) or through Case dealers.

One brochure describes the recently introduced Tier III-certified Case 1150K crawler dozer, featuring a hydrostatic transmission, a new cab design, a low effort electronic blade control and high-performance hydraulics. The 1150K dozer is well suited for land development and various earth moving applications.

The second brochure focuses on recent improvements to the Case 650K Series 2 crawler dozer. Upgrades include a new, higher performing engine, improvements to the operator's compartment and hydrostatic PowerStat drive for maximum power through the turn. The Case 650K Series dozers are appropriate for use in a variety of construction, surface mining, earth moving and forestry applications.

The brochures also reiterate the Case leadership position in serviceability and maintainability as measured by SAE. (262) 636-6011, [casece.com](http://casece.com)

### Doosan Infracore

Doosan Infracore has completed the acquisition of the Bobcat, Utility Equipment and Attachments businesses from Ingersoll Rand Company. The three entities will operate as individual businesses of Doosan Infracore International, a US-based subsidiary of Doosan Infracore, and will be known as Bobcat, Doosan Infracore Portable Power (formerly Ingersoll Rand Utility Equipment), and DII Attachments (formerly Ingersoll Rand Attachments).

These three businesses are expected to enhance Doosan's overall product portfolio by adding compact construction equipment to the company's existing medium and large-scale construction equipment product lines. With operations in China, Belgium, France and the Czech Republic and across the United States, the addition of these businesses will expand and strengthen Doosan's global manufacturing and sales networks.

As announced on July 29, 2007, Doosan Infracore has paid \$4.9 billion for Bobcat, Utility Equipment and Attachments businesses in the largest overseas acquisition in Korea's history. (770) 831-2200, [doosan.com](http://doosan.com)

### Hydro Stop, Quest Specialty Chemicals

Hydro Stop Inc. has announced that it has been acquired by Quest Specialty Chemicals Inc. in an asset purchase, and will continue to operate under the name Hydro Stop LLC and maintain current operations based in Charleston, SC.

Hydro Stop's corporate structure will continue to support existing customer obligations, distribution channels, customer base and product line. Nick Causey and Richard Daniel will continue as managers of Hydro Stop, and will be supported by the existing management team, associates and facilities.

Hydro Stop compliments Quest's mission to acquire and build specialty chemical companies that have developed unique solutions to the challenges of coatings application, surface protection and the bonding of flexible and rigid substrates. Quest seeks enterprises whose core competencies and drive are based on differentiated and defensible product technology in combination with a market niche strategy focus. (800) 739-5566, [hydro-stop.com](http://hydro-stop.com)

### Koch Pipeline Company

Koch Pipeline Company L.P. employees in Texas have achieved Voluntary Protection Program Star status becoming only the fourth pipeline operating group in the United States to earn that designation.

Representatives from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration lauded the team for their commitment to safe work practices during a celebration held in December 2007. VPP Star is OSHA's highest accolade for businesses.

Koch Pipeline operates pipelines transporting refined products, crude oil, chemicals and natural gas liquids in Texas and other states. The company, whose southern operations group is based in Texas, employs about 50 within the state.

"By earning VPP Star, Koch Pipeline and its employees have shown their commitment to safety," said Marianne McGee, OSHA assistant area director. "This achievement represents leadership and dedication to working safely."

"This designation reflects this team's commitment to establishing a work culture that places safety as the highest priority," said Bob O'Hair, president of Koch Pipeline. "This team set a goal to work safely. I am proud of their effort to realize that goal and set a high standard for themselves and the rest of our team."



### U Mole To Represent Robbins SBU Division Products

U Mole Ltd. of Gt. Gransden, Cambridgeshire, UK will now partner with The Robbins Company to represent their full line of SBU Division products, from Rockheads to Auger Boring Machines. U Mole also will provide local engineering support, if required. The U Mole territory will include: France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, UK and Eire.

Currently the Robbins SBU product line comprises the Robbins Small Boring Units (SBU-A), the Robbins Motorized Small Boring Units (SBU-M), the Robbins Rockhead (SBU-RH) and the Robbins Auger Boring Machines (SBU-ABM).

**Robbins Small Boring Unit (SBU-A):** The SBU-A is a proven solution for medium to hard rock utility installations up to 150 meter (500 feet) in length. The SBU-A can be used with any conventional auger boring machine (ABM) from 0.6 to 1.8 meter (24-72 inch) diameter and utilizes a full-face auger for spoils removal.

**Robbins Motorized Small Boring Unit (SBU-M):** The Motorized SBU is the optimal choice for utility installations over 150 meter (500 feet) or for crossings with specific line and grade requirements. The SBU-M is a manned-entry, hard rock boring machine for use with a standard ABM or a pipe jacking unit. The SBU-M uses disc cutters to excavate rock, while a small invert auger removes spoils from the face.

**Robbins Rockhead (SBU-RH):** The Rockhead is ideal on longer utility installations where line and grade are critical. The Rockhead is available in Double or Single Shield models.

**Robbins Auger Boring Machine (SBU-ABM):** The SBU-ABM is used to bore horizontally through soil or rock with a cutting head and auger. The unit is available in diameters from 0.9 to 2.0 meters (36-79 inches).

Russell Fairhurst, managing director of U Mole Ltd. (left) and SBU Division General Manager Paul Nicholas for The Robbins Company, celebrate the new dealership agreement next to an SBU-M machine.

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Koch Pipeline's overall OSHA recordable rate is 0.00, compared to the industry's 2.20. When it comes to working without an injury resulting in time away from work, the company's rate is also 0.00, compared to the industry's 0.90. Company employees have worked more than three consecutive years without a recordable injury.

Koch Pipeline's operating team in

Texas has also earned the following awards in 2007: Award of Honor, National Safety Council, Texas Chapter; Safety Excellence Awards as owners and contractors, South Texas Industrial Industry, which is supported by the Port Industries of Corpus Christi and Contractor Safety Councils of the Texas Mid Coast and Coastal Bend. [kochind.com](http://kochind.com)

## CH2M HILL

CH2M HILL, a global full-service engineering, construction and operations firm, has completed the acquisition of Trigon EPC, an industry leading engineering and field service company specializing in upstream and midstream oil and gas projects.

Trigon has 26 years of experience in the oil, natural gas and energy sector. The company specializes in pipelines and facilities, providing integrated permitting, GIS, engineering, procurement, construction and other related pipeline services. Based in Colorado, Trigon has more than 320 employees working in Lakewood and Durango and at project sites throughout the United States. (720) 286-2087, ch2m.com

## Allied Construction Products

Eddie Turner has been promoted to the position of director of sales for Allied Construction Products. Turner recently served as the Allied district manager covering the Southeast Territory. In his new role, Turner will establish both company and individual sales goals, maintain and strengthen the distributor network and manage Allied's sales organization.



Turner brings 25-years experience in construction equipment to this role along with outside sales of construction and industrial equipment at the distributor level, OEM sales and distributor development of light and heavy construction equipment. Turner attended Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI, where he majored in sales and marketing. (216) 431-2600, www.alliedcp.com.

## Colorado School of Mines

The Colorado School of Mines will be hosting a Grouting Fundamentals & Current Practice Course, June 2-6, Golden, CO. The 29th Annual Short Course is presented by the Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education, Mining Engineering Department-TU GAZ -Engineering Geology.

This course covers injection grouting as a method to improve soil settlement characteristics and strength properties, and to decrease permeability of soil and rock masses. Engineering geologic site

## AlturnaMats Acquires Mobile Mats

AlturnaMats Inc. announces the acquisition of Mobile Mats, Green Bay, WI. According to Michael Gierlach, president of AlturnaMats, the integration of AlturnaMats with Mobile Mats comprises the largest ground protection mat manufacturing group in the nation and enables dealers worldwide to offer customers a broad selection of mats. These rugged ground protection mats are used to eliminate damage to lawns and soft terrain due to vehicle traffic. The mats are used to keep heavy vehicles from getting bogged down in mud.

Under terms of the new arrangement, Phil Schounard will continue to head up Mobile Mats and operate from the Green Bay facility; however, as of Jan. 1, Mobile Mats is available through AlturnaMats' extensive dealer network. Currently, AlturnaMats Inc. offers its well known AlturnaMats which feature a bold diamond plate tread and VersaMats that provide a finer, slip-resistant tread designed for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Mobile Mats are slightly lighter in weight and have a unique "M" shaped tread. All three mats are fully guaranteed for six years, though they last much longer. Both firms also market one-piece plastic outrigger pads in a large variety of sizes. (888) 544-6287, alturnamats.com

investigations properties of cementitious grouts, procedures for cement grouting, chemical grouting of soils, grouting rock under dams, grouting of rock anchors and micropiles, deep mixing, diaphragm walls, compaction grouting, slab jacking, structural grouting, and grouting for underground structures are major topics covered.

A field demonstration of compaction and permeation grouting, grout mixing, flow of ultra fine cement, grouting of rock anchors, annular grouting, overburden drilling and use of packers is included.

For more information, contact Scott Kieffer at [kieffer@tugraz.at](mailto:kieffer@tugraz.at) or [www.mines.edu/outreach/cont\\_ed/](http://www.mines.edu/outreach/cont_ed/)

## CONTECH

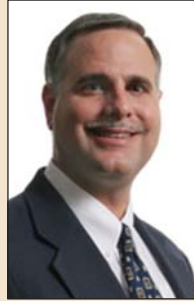
CONTECH Construction Products Inc. announced it exceeded the company's first quarter fiscal year 2008 forecast despite the unsettled economy and continued decline in the residential construction market.

"We've powered through an unstable economy before," said Patrick Harlow, CEO and chairman of CONTECH. "We

chose not to fall victim to influences outside our control. Instead, we took proactive steps to incorporate strategic planning, targeted initiatives and constant improvement of our product offerings and our people to maintain and build on a record of consistent growth. And we will continue to invest for growth, for example, the current expansion of our national sales force by 40 new employees."

Part of CONTECH's recent strategic planning focused on recruitment of executive leadership, most notably Ron Keating, CONTECH's COO and president since July. "We raised the bar and set our expectations for growth based on our knowledge of what we can bring to the market," said Keating. "Instead of reacting, we set the mark high for our performance to ensure the greatest return for our customers, our employees and our investors. For the end of this first quarter, we've exceeded a very aggressive plan delivering year over year growth, and positioned ourselves to again exceed a forecasted record year of double-digit improvement." (800) 338-1122, [contech-cpi.com](http://contech-cpi.com) ■

## TT Technologies Hires New Regional Manager



George Mallakis joins TT Technologies as regional manager in California with more than 21 years of varied trenchless technology experience.

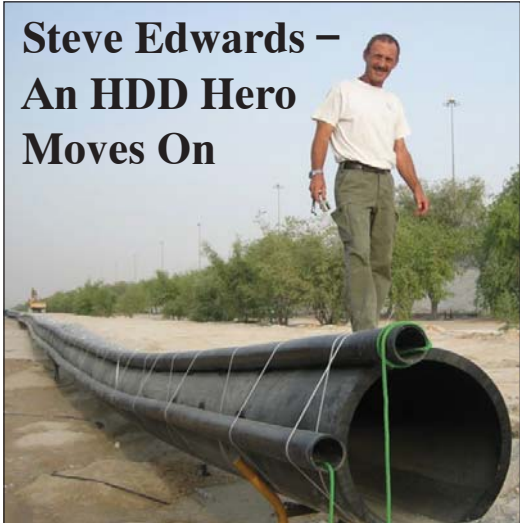
He has experience both as a municipal engineer and as a contractor in trenchless pipeline design and construction. Mallakis' experience includes cement mortar lining, sliplining, epoxy lining, internal joint seals, directional drilling, CIPP lining, piercing tool service installation, pipe bursting and pipe splitting.

George has extensive experience in executive management, business development, estimating, project management, administration, service center, small tools and equipment management.

Mallakis has worked with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc. and Wesco Infrastructure Technologies LP.

Mallakis earned a BSCE and an MBA, bringing a unique and varied experience to TT Technologies' existing team. (800) 533-2078, [tttechnologies.com](http://tttechnologies.com)

## Steve Edwards – An HDD Hero Moves On



Steve Edwards was one of the most respected names in the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) industry. As an industry pioneer, he drilled all over the world, including in the US, Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Africa, to name a few places!

Those privileged to know Steve were aware of the big heart under his tough exterior. He was normally quiet and introspective, while at the same time feisty, strong-minded, rebellious, and opinionated. Yet Steve was always one of the most humble, honest, hard-working, brave, and generous people on this planet.

Stephen John Edwards was born on 9 August 1955 in Kettering, England. His entire family consisted of him and his mother Dorothy, until 1958 when she married Emrys Edwards, who gave Steve his last name. Before long, Steve had two brothers, Brian and Richard.

Always the “new kid on the block,” as his family moved a lot during his youth, he was teased by schoolmates, which no doubt contributed to his dislike for school. In his early years, he would fool his mum by getting on the school bus, only to go fishing instead! The only subject Steve enjoyed was geography, which, along with his early exposure to “life on the move,” makes it no wonder that he traveled and settled so easily in different environments all over the world.

Steve joined the British Armed Forces at the age of 15 and served for a few years before going to work on a farm. This is where he met Valerie Bailey; they married when he was 20 and remained so for 16 years. In April 1985, Steve’s daughter Samantha was born, the “apple of his eye.”

Steve began his career as a bulldozer operator. This led him into the heavy construction industry and then into engineering, before he found his true calling in the HDD industry.

He started in the HDD industry working for FlowMole Corp. (now UTILX) in England. Steve was a natural. His first installation job was done without any instructions after the regular crew members failed to report to work. He quickly advanced to more difficult jobs and became the recognized expert in FlowMole’s drilling operations.

After 4 years at FlowMole using small directional drill rigs, Steve went to work for FlowTex GUT in Germany where he graduated to 20-plus ton rigs.

In 1993, FlowTex purchased a 40-ton machine, and with it was born the “Betsy” crew. This 6-man crew, which included Steve’s brother Richard, comprised a perfect combination of brains and brawn to get those tough HDD jobs done in remote and difficult conditions. Steve eventually worked on rigs as large as 400 tons, and he became proficient in mud motoring and the sophisticated wireline guidance systems used on large-scale HDD installations.

Steve met his second wife Claudia in Germany in 1991. It was a true meeting of soul mates, as neither could understand what the other was saying—Steve spoke only English, and Claudia, only German. They married 9 years later on 1 January 2000 in Melbourne, Australia, an easy date for Steve to remember!

Having honed his skills on all aspects of directional drilling, Steve went into business for himself for a few years as a consultant before Digital Control Inc. (DCI)

hired him and his wife Claudia to set up a branch office in Germany (DCI GmbH).

During Steve’s work with DCI GmbH, he helped prevent a potential disaster in Romania by drilling drain holes into a hill below a village that was perilously close to collapsing. The drain holes saved the village and potentially lives as well. One life definitely helped by Steve’s presence and huge heart was that of a young local girl who had been an interpreter during the project. Steve’s assistance extended to helping her emigrate from

her life of poverty in Romania and providing her with an opportunity for education in the West.

The success of the German office inspired DCI to ask Steve and Claudia to help open another branch office, this time in India (DCI India Pvt Ltd). Much of this work was completed after Steve was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In his last year he not only helped set up the India office, but he traveled to Dubai, Egypt, Germany, and the US without complaint.

During the course of Steve’s life he enjoyed the wind in his face from riding motorcycles. His last bike was a Harley Davidson that traveled with him from England to Germany and then to South Africa, where Steve moved in 2004 to establish TRG International Pipeline Company (Pty) Ltd. with Andre Wood.

Steve loved to play rugby. He was often the shortest guy on the team but it did nothing to deter him. On the pitch he was

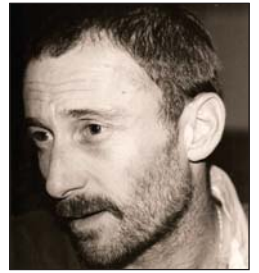
often referred to as being like a terrier—a tenacious battler who was tough in the tackle and who would “never give up the fight.” This sentiment, as all who knew him would agree, encapsulates Steve’s attitude toward all the battles that life sent his way, up to and including what was to be his final battle with cancer.

Steve had strong convictions about right and wrong and was a very honest man. If you asked his opinion, you knew you would get a frank response with no sugar-coating.

Steve was also incredibly brave. Once, on a job in Poland, his truck was stolen, so he chased the thieves down the highway and repeatedly rammed one of their cars. When he saw that one of the thieves had a mask and an automatic rifle, his good judgment told him to break off the chase. It was later learned that Steve had had an encounter with the Russian mafia!

Sadly, Steve Edwards passed away on 28 October 2007 in his home in Sandton, South Africa. He died peacefully with his wife Claudia by his side after a 2-year-long battle with cancer. He is also survived by his mother, daughter, stepfather, and two brothers.

“May you be in Heaven a full half hour before the Devil knows you’re dead”—this is the kind of thing Steve would have said about himself!



*Who dares wins!*

