

## Thompson Pump & Manufacturing



Thompson Pump & Manufacturing launches a new and improved Web site at [www.ThompsonPump.com](http://www.ThompsonPump.com).

The new Web site features improved navigation and expanded information on Thompson Pump products, services and support. Visitors can select and print literature that is product specific or read about previously completed projects. Another feature of the new Web site is the dealer locator. A visitor can enter a zip code to locate the Thompson Pump locations closest to them. Unique merchandise with the Thompson Pump logo can be purchased online by visiting the online store.

The new site has fast loading graphics, complete product information, free catalog requests and a press friendly media center. Most importantly, customer support can be accessed on the Web site. The site is updated on a regular basis with feature products, news releases and advertisements.

Thompson Pump, a family-owned company based in Port Orange, FL, is a full-service manufacturer and provider of high quality pumps, pumping equipment and engineering expertise for dewatering, bypass and emergency pumping applications. (800) 767-7310, [thompsonpump.com](http://thompsonpump.com)

## Advanced Drainage Systems

Advanced Drainage Systems Inc. (ADS), the largest producer of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, celebrated the grand opening of its new \$12 million New Jersey manufacturing facility in September.

The Hilliard, OH-based firm marked the occasion with the announcement of a public-private partnership to create a new \$600,000 athletic facility for special needs children in Southern New Jersey.

ADS is the lead private sector contributor to the project, slated to be part of the nationwide "Miracle League" network of facilities for special needs children. The company pledged a total of \$100,000 in cash.

The Miracle Field will be open to Special Olympians from across the region, to autistic children and to all of the children who are enrolled in Gloucester County's special education programs.

"ADS is especially pleased to be the lead private sector contributor in making this new facility a reality. We work hard to be a good neighbor in all of the communities in which ADS operates and we expect our relationship with the county and all of our neighbors here in Logan Township to be a shining example of our corporate commitment to that concept," said ADS President and Chief Executive Officer Joe Chlapaty.

Located on 32 acres at the intersection of Center Square and Pedricktown Roads in Logan Township, Gloucester County, the new 68,000 square foot, \$12 million plant expands ADS ability to serve the Eastern United States storm water drainage market. It is the first ADS facility in the Garden State.

"This plant is part of our national expansion program to better serve the drainage needs of the New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, DC, infrastructure markets" Chlapaty explained.

When fully staffed, the new plant will have 100 full-time employees. (800) 537-9520, [ads-pipe.com](http://ads-pipe.com)

## Association of Equipment Manufacturers

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) has named Anne Forristall Luke to the newly created position of vice president of Government Affairs in the association's Washington, DC, office.

Luke will work closely with AEM's vice president of Global Public Policy and association committees to expand relationships with Congressional offices, the executive branch, federal agencies and the public. The goal is to increase awareness and understanding of the key issues and positions of the AEM membership and the entire off-road equipment industry.

Luke has more than 25 years of Washington government relations and public affairs experience in both the public and private sectors. (866) 236-0442, [aem.org](http://aem.org)

## Topcon Positioning Systems



Scott Langbein rejoins Topcon Positioning Systems as product marketing manager for optical, scanning and imaging products.

For more than 10 years, Langbein has worked in the positioning technology business, where most recently he was with an independent survey software provider managing the integration of software and hardware.

Langbein began his Topcon career in 1997 as a salesman for B.L. Makepeace

in Boston, as a Topcon dealer. In 2000, he joined Topcon as the Northeast regional sales manager, before rejoining Makepeace.

He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental resource management from Penn State. While in college, Langbein worked for an engineering and land surveying firm and became interested in the positioning technology business. (925) 245-8300, [topcon-positioning.com](http://topcon-positioning.com)

## Terex Construction

Terex Construction congratulates Tom Gray of Industrial Contracting Services in Holland, OH, as its grand prize winner from the Terex King of the Dirt Demo Days. Gray received an all expenses paid trip for himself, a guest and his Terex dealer, Bob Galloway of D-P Equipment in Camden, MI, to the NASCAR Nextel Cup and Busch

Series races in Bristol, TN, August 23-26. Terex district sales manager John Poag hosted the grand prize winners at the race on behalf of Terex.

According to Rebecca Lashley, marketing manager for Terex Construction Americas, any contractors who attended the King of the Dirt Demo Days from December 2006 through April 2007, and purchased a Terex tractor loader backhoe within 30 days of the event, were automatically qualified for the grand prize drawing. Contractors received one entry into the drawing for each Terex tractor load backhoe they purchased during that time. At the end of the promotion, the winner was chosen randomly from all the tractor loader backhoe orders.

Gray purchased a Terex TX760B tractor loader backhoe to aid in his railroad construction and repair business. Currently, Gray uses his TX760B, equipped with forks, to haul railroad

## New Name For Michels Sewer, Water And Tunnel Division



Michels Corporation is changing the name of its Sewer, Water and Tunnel division to Michels Tunneling to more effectively describe the services provided.

"Michels is one of the original U.S. microtunneling contractors, and when you combine this with our vast experiences with conventional and EPB (Earth Pressure

Balance) tunneling, we felt that it was time to change the divisional name that would more represent our core business," said Ray Post, general manager. "Our focus is to take the eclectic and diversified experiences (both job and personnel) from the past and continue to grow and develop the opportunities presented that will keep Michels Tunneling as one of the top tunneling contractors in the U.S."

Patrick Michels, president of Michels Corp., added, "Tunneling is a highly skilled and specialized part of Michels Corporation that complements our core business as a diversified utility design and construction contractor. While the name change is a better fit for Michels Tunneling and alignment with each of our operating divisions, we want to be clear to our customers no matter what Michels division you may be working with, we are one Michels."

Since 1969, Michels has been the progressive leader in the construction of tunnels, water mains and storm and sanitary sewers. Michels Tunneling is licensed in all 50 states. Michels Tunneling is based in New Berlin, WI, with regional offices located nationwide. Michels Corp. is a diversified utility design and construction contractor with critical expertise in linking systems for energy, communications, transportation and distribution. Michels Corp. is headquartered in Brownsville, WI, with divisional operations and subsidiaries in Minneapolis, MN; Harrisburg, PA; Chicago, IL; Topeka, KS; Phoenix, AZ; Sacramento, CA; Salem, OR; Seattle, WA; Edmonton, AB; and throughout Wisconsin. (920) 583-3132, [www.michels.us](http://www.michels.us)

ties on a construction project. "I was impressed with the King of the Dirt event I attended in April," said Gray. "We were able to run the different machines at the event which made it easier for us to compare to what we already had in our fleet as well as other options we were considering. I am honored to have won the trip to Bristol." (662) 393-1800, terex.com

## U.S. Pipe

U.S. Pipe recently announced that it will build a new, state-of-the-art ductile iron pipe plant adjacent to its existing facility on St. Louis Avenue in Bessemer, AL. The company expects that the \$40 to \$45 million expansion project will be the first of its kind in the nation, as well as the first new ductile iron pipe plant built in the U.S. in more than 55 years. The new plant will create as many as 100 new highly skilled jobs, bolster U.S. Pipe's competitive manufacturing position, and provide the most up-to-date environmental protections for the local community.

U.S. Pipe's new plant will be an efficiency-based, streamlined, flow-through process facility. Manual pipe-making jobs will now become a computer-controlled, automated process. Also, state-of-the-art machinery and transport systems will be used.

The new plant will utilize technologically advanced environmental safeguards, including new low emissions manufacturing techniques like water-based paints and low nitrous oxide annealing oven burners. Also featured will be a powerful emission control system that will filter dust and particles from the air before it leaves the plant.

U.S. Pipe officials broke ground on the new plant in June. The new facility is expected to be on-line in 18 months. (866) DIP-PIPE, uspipe.com

## HDR

HDR, a leading architecture-engineering consulting firm, has acquired Hawaii Pacific Engineers Inc., a full-service engineering firm based in Honolulu, HI. Also known as HPE, the 20-person firm specializes in civil engineering, water and wastewater treatment and design and site and infrastructure development.

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Going forward, HPE will conduct business as HDR/Hawaii Pacific Engineers.

"We are very pleased that HPE wanted to become part of the HDR network," said HDR Engineering Inc. President George Little. "Having a local presence is always important, but even more so in Hawaii where relationships and trust are key to doing

## Gajeske Wins Pipeline Project For Garland, TX



McElroy 1648 MegaMc fusion machine operated by Gajeske Inc.

mains. The pipe will be fusion weld joined by Gajeske technicians, and equipment utilizing their McElroy 1648 MegaMc fusion machine for the 48-inch main and other McElroy units for the smaller diameter 61,000 linear feet of sludge main line will be used.

"We are very excited about this project which has some challenging sections and provides us with the opportunity to utilize our experience and expertise in large diameter HDPE pipe," said Bob Gajeske Jr., vice president.

Founded in 1986, Gajeske Inc. started with a stock of small diameter medium density polyethylene pipe and tubing for the gas distribution industry. Gajeske since has grown to a full service company offering a wide variety of products, equipment and services for the polyethylene industry

Headquartered in Houston, Gajeske has expanded to locations in Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, New Braunfels, San Antonio and Tulsa, OK. (713) 688-2728, gajeske.com

## SDT Inc. Partners With Mississippi Enterprise For Technology

Southern Diversified Technologies Inc. (SDT), a privately-held telecom infrastructure service company, with corporate offices in Brookhaven, MS, and operations in 35 states, has partnered with Mississippi Enterprise for Technology (MsET), located at Stennis Space Center, MS.

The purpose of the partnership is to promote Mississippi as a new technology and telecommunications center by offering high-tech infrastructure, highly-skilled human resources and the motivation for corporations to migrate technical jobs from overseas back to the shores of the U.S., as well as research and development in many technological areas.

Part of the partnership is an affiliation with the Center of Excellence in Geospatial Technologies at Stennis Space Center. The Center boasts a unique geospatial technologies capacity in the areas of technology transfer and commercialization, business incubation, research, training and degree programs. (601) 823-9440, sdt-1.com; (800) 746-4699, mset.org

business. HPE is very well respected in the Hawaii business community and we plan to continue that tradition of respect."

"Infrastructure investment is increasing substantially in Hawaii and in the Pacific Rim. It has been a challenge to capture these projects given our limited size," said Frank Hino, HPE president. "We have long-standing relationships with HDR staff, and our corporate cultures are a good match. Like us, HDR believes in strong client relationships and quality services. With the availability of our joint resources, we're looking forward to what we can accomplish together."

Under the new corporate structure, Hino will be a vice president and department manager responsible for managing HDR's engineering operations in Hawaii. Lester Fukuda and Roy Abe, the other HPE principals, will become vice presidents. (800) 366-4411, hdrengineering.com

## Komatsu Equipment

Komatsu Equipment Company, the Komatsu distributor, announced that John Gaines has joined the company as service manager in Las Vegas, NV. In his new position, Gaines is responsible for overseeing the daily operations and staff of the service department at the Las Vegas facility.

Gaines' 20 years in the Air Force working on dozers, graders, tanks, APCs (Armored Personnel Carriers) and other heavy equipment has prepared him for this new position. (888) 325-5582, komatsueq.com

## Wacker, Neuson Kramer

Wacker Construction Equipment AG, Neuson Kramer Baumachinen AG and the main shareholders of NKB Austria signed an agreement Sept. 23 to merge the two companies. The merg-

er will create a major global manufacturer of light and compact equipment with more than 160 sales and service stations.

Neuson Kramer is strong in the compact segment, including mini-excavators, wheel and telescopic loaders, with Wacker strong in light equipment including saws, trowels, generators and more.

Dr. Georg Sick, CEO of Wacker, will continue in his role as CEO with the new company. Current members of the NKB executive board Martin Lehner (responsible for compact equipment), and Gunther Binder (future CFO), will be appointed to the Wacker executive board. Neunteufel will be appointed chairman of the supervisory board. +49 (0)89 354 02 0, company. wackergroup.com, neusonkramer.com ■