

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## **BLASTRAC® GLOBAL, INC. ANNOUNCES THE ACQUISITION OF NILFISK CYCLONE TECHNOLOGY**

Blastrac Global has acquired Nilfisk Cyclone Technology from the Nilfisk Group. The acquired entity will be a wholly owned subsidiary of Blastrac Global and will be known as Cyclone Technology, LLC. Cyclone Technology is a manufacturer of high pressure and low pressure surface preparation/cleaning equipment, using proprietary and patented technology. The company is located in Tempe, Arizona where it designs, manufactures, and distributes its product line and associated parts. All sales and marketing activities are coordinated through the Sales, Product and Marketing Team in Tempe. The company employs 30 people and reported \$6+ million in sales over the last 12 months. Cyclone has an active customer base in North America, South America, The Middle East, Australia and Asia.

Cyclone Technology will operate as a separate entity within the Blastrac Global Group, but the Group plans to use its Sales and Distribution Centers around the world to assist in Sales and Service activities to enhance the experience of Cyclone Customers and provide a differentiated offering compared to Cyclone competitors. Mr. Bill Bamford will continue to serve as Vice President/General Manager of Cyclone Technology, LLC. All employees of the Cyclone team will remain with the company when acquisition is complete.

The addition of high pressure and low pressure surface preparation/cleaning equipment to the Blastrac product offering will enhance the company's position as a solution provider for surface preparation projects using a "toolbox" approach. The proprietary nature of the Cyclone offering along with its high productivity and performance reputation is a natural fit with other Blastrac products which have always enjoyed the industry's highest reputation for quality and performance.

For more information about Cyclone Technology, visit <http://www.cyclone-clean.com/home>

For more information about Blastrac NA, visit [www.blastrac.com](http://www.blastrac.com).

## **HOUSE PASSAGE OF CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE BILL COMMENDED BY AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION**

The U.S. House of Representatives is commended by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for its approval of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA), H.R. 5303. The legislation is critical for protecting communities by authorizing 31 Army Corps of Engineers projects.

Passed by a vote in the House of 399-25, the bill authorizes \$9 billion for 31 Army Corps of Engineers projects to address flood protection, harbor dredging, environmental restoration and other projects. It also includes a provision of \$170 million in direct federal money to assist Flint and other communities with lead in their drinking water systems. This provision was added to the House WRDA bill in order to satisfy some lawmakers who were upset about the absence of the funding language in a \$982-billion continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open through December 9, 2016.

To learn more about APWA Advocacy and Government Affairs, visit [www.apwa.net/be\\_involved/Advocacy-and-Government-Affairs](http://www.apwa.net/be_involved/Advocacy-and-Government-Affairs). For more information about APWA, visit the website at [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net).

## **KANSAS CITY'S MIDDLE BLUE RIVER GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE RECEIVES ENVISION® PLATINUM SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AWARD**

Kansas City's Middle Blue River Green Infrastructure projects, owned by KC Water, recently received the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision Platinum award. The Middle Blue River Green Infrastructure projects are the 20th overall sustainable infrastructure award from Envision.

The Middle Blue River Green Infrastructure projects were designed to reduce combined sewer overflows and improve water quality in the region. The projects

were developed in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a Federal Consent Decree to reduce combined sewer overflows. The project area encompasses 744 acres of watershed flowing to two combined sewer outfalls, both of which flow into the Blue River. These projects are the first green infrastructure projects for Kansas City's Overflow Control Program and are the result of a decade-long interest and commitment to the use of green infrastructure by numerous stakeholders, including the Wet Weather Community Panel, City Council, and professional engineers and residents.

The Envision rating system measures sustainability in infrastructure projects in five categories: Quality of Life (QL), Leadership (LD), Natural World (NW), Resource Allocation (RA), and Climate and Risk (CR). These contribute to overall credits for the positive social, economic and environmental impacts in a community in the planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects.

Visit KC Water online at [www.kcwaterservices.org](http://www.kcwaterservices.org)

## **LARSEN PRODUCTS ADDS NEW NIGERIAN DISTRIBUTOR TO STRENGTHEN ITS GLOBAL DEALER NETWORK**

Larsen Products Corp. welcomes its newest distributor, Concrete Logistics Limited, based in Lagos, Nigeria. The company's newest authorized distributor will serve Nigeria and other West African countries with Larsen's line of concrete and plaster bonding agents.

Currently, Nigeria has the largest economy in Africa with petroleum as its leading export. The country has large deposits of minerals and has a huge service sector supporting the oil and gas chain with a significant market and population for goods and services providing significant growth opportunity for manufacturers worldwide.

Continuing to expand its global footprint, the partnership with Concrete Logistics Limited will avail Larsen's concrete and plaster bonding agents across Nigeria and other West African countries.

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For more information on Larsen Products, please visit:  
<http://www.larsenproducts.com>.

## MORTAR NET SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES STEVEN FECHINO INDUCTION TO NATIONAL MASONRY INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Mortar Net Solutions, the leading supplier of innovative moisture management solutions for masonry walls, is proud to announce that Steven Fechino, engineering and construction manager at Mortar Net Solutions, was inducted into the National Masonry Instructors Association (NMIA) Hall of Fame as the Industry Member. Robert Campbell was inducted as the Instructor Member.

The NMIA works to promote the professionalism of the masonry trade and help provide quality masonry programs and training for anyone interested in becoming a mason. It helps in the unification of masonry programs and works to improve curriculums and training methods. It seeks to help recruit new masons and to provide them with the high quality training they need to work in the trades as respected craftspeople.



Steven Fechino has been involved in the masonry industry for over 30 years. He is dedicated to bringing young people into the masonry industry and to helping train them to become expert masons.

For more information, visit [MortarNet.com](http://MortarNet.com).

## DETROIT METROPOLITAN WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT'S RUNWAY 4L/22R AND ASSOCIATED TAXIWAYS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECEIVES ISI ENVISION® SILVER AWARD

The Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Runway and Associated Taxiways Reconstruction project has received the Envision rating system's Silver award from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI), which recognizes sustainable infrastructure across the full range of environmental, social and economic impacts. The airport is operated by the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA). This is the 19th project across the country to receive an Envision rating since the program began.

The airport's runway being reconstructed is 10,000 feet long and 150 feet wide. Typically, it is used for aircraft arrivals and can accommodate operations in low-visibility condi-



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tions, making it critical to the airport's operational efficiency and business continuity. The project also involves reconstruction of the associated taxiway system, providing a safe connection for aircraft from the runway to the passenger terminals at the Detroit Metro Airport. In total, the project encompasses 6.5 miles of airfield pavement.

The Airport Authority worked closely with its design and construction administration partners—RS&H, the prime consultant; and C&S Companies, which is also leading the sustainability efforts—to embrace holistic decision-making and resilient design. With the help of committed contractor teammates, including Ajax Paving Industries, Inc., and Dan's Excavating, Inc., the design and its sustainability initiatives are being implemented effectively. By acting with sustainable infrastructure in mind, the Airport Authority is improving the long-term durability of the runway, reducing maintenance needs and costs, while increasing its operational efficiency.

Created in 2012 through a collaboration between the ISI and the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Envision focuses on the impact of an infrastructure project as a whole. The ISI Envision system measures sustainability in five categories: Quality of Life, Leadership, Natural World, Resource Allocation, and Climate and Risk. These key areas contribute to the positive social, economic and environmental impacts on a community. The Runway and Taxiways Reconstruction project scored highest in the Leadership, Quality of Life, Resource Allocation and Natural World categories

of Envision's sustainable infrastructure rating system.

Photos and additional details regarding the Runway and Taxiways Reconstruction project can be found at: [cscos.com/2016/09/dtw-envision-silver](http://cscos.com/2016/09/dtw-envision-silver).

## BEAUFORT-JASPER WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY'S HARDEEVILLE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT RECEIVES ISI ENVISION® BRONZE AWARD

The Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority's (BJWSA) Hardeeville Water Reclamation Facility (HWRF) expansion project has received the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision rating system's Bronze award, which recognizes sustainable infrastructure across the full range of environmental, social, and economic impacts. BJWSA's reclamation facility expansion is the first Envision-verified project in South Carolina.

The HWRF project provides wastewater service to the areas surrounding the Town of Hardeeville in Jasper County, South Carolina. The facility is being expanded to a rated capacity of 2.7 million gallons per day, with consideration given to a second expansion to 4.0 million gallons per day capacity at a later date, and includes new headworks, flow equalization basin, oxidation ditches, secondary clarifiers, disinfection chambers, and auxiliary structures. The project has been designed to provide additional treatment capacity to enable new businesses to move to the area and adhere to more stringent water treatment requirements expected in the future.

The Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority worked closely with HDR on the design of the Hardeeville Water Reclamation Facility project. HDR, a company that specializes in engineering, architecture, and environmental and construction consultant services with a portfolio of sustainable projects, led the submittal process for Hardeeville's Envision verification.

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The HWRF project scored highest in the Leadership, Quality of Life, and Natural World categories of Envision's sustainable infrastructure rating system.

Learn more about our sustainability program at [www.hdrinc.com/about-hdr/sustainability](http://www.hdrinc.com/about-hdr/sustainability).

## QUIKRETE ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF CONTECH

Contech® recently announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement in which QUIKRETE® Holdings, Inc. will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Contech common stock. The transaction has been approved by the boards of directors of both companies. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to close in mid to late November.

QUIKRETE President and COO Will Magill said, "We are pleased to welcome Contech, a leader in infrastructure solutions, to the QUIKRETE family of companies. The acquisition of Contech aligns two great companies and will significantly advance our growth strategy."

"Both QUIKRETE and Contech have pursued successful strategies to grow their respective businesses and we are excited to bring these two companies together. We are highly complementary organizations and our combined value proposition will deliver competitive advantages for our customers," stated Mike Rafi, Contech's Chief Executive Officer.

For additional information on The QUIKRETE® Companies please visit [www.quikrete.com](http://www.quikrete.com).

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