

## NEWS

### EVENTS DIARY

#### 2016

**Bauma**  
April 11-17, 2016  
Munich,  
Germany  
www.bauma.de

#### ESTA Awards of Excellence

April 14, 2016  
Munich,  
Germany  
www.khl.com/esta

#### Ankomak

June 1-5, 2016  
Istanbul,  
Turkey  
www.ankomak.com

#### Hillhead

June 28-30, 2016  
Buxton,  
UK  
www.hillhead.com

#### World of Concrete (Europe)

September 6-7, 2016  
Paris, France  
www.worldofconcrete.eu/eng

#### IMDER's 2nd International Construction Equipment Congress

October 20-21, 2016  
Istanbul,  
Turkey  
www.vizyon2023turkiye.org/eng

#### 2017

**Samoter**  
February 22-25, 2017  
Verona,  
Italy  
www.samoter.it

## Strong 2015 for European construction markets

### German and Italian equipment markets prove strong, while Irish construction market continues its recovery

Last year, 2015, proved a positive year for the German, Italian and Irish equipment and construction markets, with increases in their output recorded.

A 7% rise in sales was recorded for German construction equipment manufacturers, with the country's manufacturers' trade organisation the VDMA (Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau) reporting that the figure had reached €9 billion.

The VDMA said that while German manufacturers' sales developed positively, the global market for construction equipment experienced a double-digit downturn.

However, Italian exports of construction machinery in 2015 were worth more than €2.5 billion – an increase of 4.9% compared to 2014, according to the Samoter Outlook.

The figures were provided by Italian trade show Samoter in collaboration with market analysis company Prometeia and Italian construction equipment association Unacea.

The latest international trade report also indicated growth in imports, generated by the recovery on the domestic market, up on an annual basis by 17.2%. This was worth more than €650 million. The balance of trade at +1.1% was said to have remained in the black by over €1.8 billion.

Meanwhile, recovery of the Irish construction industry as a whole is continuing with volume of output in building and construction increasing by 1.3% in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared with the preceding three months, according to the country's Central Statistics Office (CSO).

CECE (the Committee for European Construction Equipment) reported that a decline of 2.5% was seen in the European construction equipment market in 2015, but that excluding Russia, there was 3.5% growth.

CECE discusses this further in its regular column on page 23. **ce**

## Sandvik merges mining and construction

Sandvik is to merge two of its operations – Sandvik Mining and Sandvik Construction – into one business area to be called Sandvik Mining & Rock Technology, with Dinggui Gao, president of Sandvik Construction, leaving the group.

The company said that the new Sandvik Mining & Rock Technology operations would be organised in a de-centralised business model with separate product areas based on the product offering.

It said each product area would have full

responsibility and accountability for its respective business.

Björn Rosengren, Sandvik's president and CEO, said that products developed for the mining and construction customer segments were based on common technologies with a similar aftermarket offering.

"In addition," he said, "manufacturing units are already largely shared with, to some extent, shared front line resources. By joining the operations into one business area we achieve

a leaner and more efficient structure."

He added, "The decentralised business model enables an even clearer focus and faster response to our customers."

The new structure will be effective from 1 July, 2016, and Lars Engström, currently president of Sandvik Mining, has been

appointed president of the new business area.

Dinggui Gao will leave the company as of that date. He was appointed in May 2013.

Rosengren said, "I would like to take the opportunity to thank Dinggui Gao for his dedicated work in supporting the merger of the new organisation." **ce**

## Vinci to build Nanterre HQ

A new head office for French contractor Vinci will be built at Groues, in Nanterre, Hauts de Seine, near Paris, with the company saying that the new complex would be a showcase for its expertise.

Vinci said the head office would form a new link between the City of Nanterre and the La Défense business district in the French capital.

By 2020, the 74,000m<sup>2</sup> complex will bring together at the same site some 4,000 employees of the group's head office and its concession (Vinci Autoroutes, Vinci Airports) and contracting businesses (Vinci Energies, Eurovia and Vinci Construction).

The Groues architectural project was selected following a competition with a jury which included Xavier Huillard, chairman and CEO of Vinci; Patrick Jarry, chairman of the board of the Etablissement Public d'Aménagement de la Défense Seine Arche public development authority (Epadesa) and Mayor of Nanterre; and Hugues Parant, CEO of Epadesa.

