DIAMOND AWARD 2019

The Diamond Award is an internationally recognized competition for concrete sawing and drilling companies providing a platform for such companies to demonstrate their professionalism. The 2019 award ceremony will be held on Thursday 11 April, 2019, during the annual DIICS event, which will also be held during the same four-day package for the contractors. The competition will see 23 companies presenting their best work.

Merit joins Blount International’s ICS family

Blount International has acquired and begun integrating Merit into its Concrete Cutting and Finishing (ICS) Group. ICS manages the ICS brand of concrete cutting equipment, and is the exclusive distributor of Hilti saws and core bits. More information on this acquisition can be found at: meritian.com/news.

Wacker Neuson agrees OEM cooperation with John Deere

Wacker Neuson has signed an agreement with John Deere Construction Machinery, a unit of Deere & Company, USA, for the sale of its mini and compact excavators. This will initially cover China, Australia and selected South East Asian countries, with the aim of both companies seeking long-term cooperation in these growth markets. This cooperation covers mini and compact excavators in the 1.7- to 2.6-tonne range, which are specially developed by Wacker Neuson to meet the requirements of the Asian market. Wacker Neuson is in the process of establishing its equipment production in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, with the equipment being manufactured there. Deere is already active in developing and producing John Deere branded equipment.

Hilti continues double-digit growth rate

The Hilti Group achieved a growth of 16.7 percent over the first eight months of 2018. This was due to continuing strong growth in Asia and North America. The highest growth rates were recorded in Asia Pacific (20.1%) and Latin America (19.8%). Growth in North America (19.6%) and Europe (17.7%) was also impressive. The strongest growth in Europe was recorded in the UK (25.3%) and Germany (25.1%).

Italian construction machinery performance on foreign markets

The second six-month period of 2018 again confirmed the favorable momentum for the Italian construction machinery industry on international markets. From January to April 2018, exports of vehicles and construction equipment were valued at 19.3 billion euros, an increase of 13.5% over the same period in the previous year. This result was announced by the Association of Italian Construction Machinery Industry (FIMAC). The Association of Italian Construction Machinery Industry (FIMAC) is the national association for the Italian construction machinery and equipment manufacturers. It represents the interests of the Italian construction machinery and equipment manufacturers in Italy and in international markets. The Association of Italian Construction Machinery Industry (FIMAC) is the national association for the Italian construction machinery and equipment manufacturers in Italy and in international markets.