

PD*i* editorial

A BIG LEAP FOR INDIA

November 2019, or to be more specific, Wednesday 13 November, was an important milestone for the Indian demolition industry. On this day, the first Indian demolition association was inaugurated and the first Indian demolition conference was organised at the Sahara Star Hotel, in Mumbai. Mohan Ramanathan, a long standing industry professional in India has for many years had the idea to start up an Indian demolition association. The Indian demolition industry today consists of over 200 medium and large demolition contracting firms and over 10,000 small firms. I met with Ramanathan at the PDi booth at the bauma fair and the result from that meeting was the organisation of the first Indian demolition conference in Mumbai called Demtech.

Parallel to the conference, a gala dinner marked the founding of the Indian demolition association. We at PDi Magazine are very proud to have helped and support the organisation of the Demtech event in India this year, and we hope this will lead to fruitful cooperation with the IDA for many years to come, with the plan being to organise Demtech every second year. I have personally been very impressed with Mohan Ramanathan's energy, endurance and great dedication towards the Indian demolition industry. He is a true entrepreneur and the right person to have been elected the first president of IDA – Indian Demolition Association. In PDi issue 6, we will publish a full report about the event in Mumbai and the inauguration of the association.

As to the current issue, PDi 5, it carries our annual feature on concrete floor grinding and polishing equipment. There is always a lot going on in this sector, with the feature this year being packed with a great deal of news. Three other interesting features well worth reading are waste handling equipment, floor and road saws and our special feature on hydrodemolition equipment. The 'big' news in terms of hydrodemolition is that the Swedish-American company, Gulfstream Nordic Holdings, has acquired the majority of the shares in Conjet, the Swedish manufacturer of hydrodemolition equipment. With new majority owners Conjet will receive the financial muscle to further develop and market its products worldwide. The US market is of particular interest to the partially US owned major shareholder. As well as these stories, there are new product releases, job stories and reports from the international demolition and concrete cutting markets in this issue.

Now, as the closer we get towards the end of the year, the expectations on 2020 increase. The first quarter of 2020 starts out quite intensively in terms of trade shows. First up is World of Concrete in Las Vegas in the beginning of February. The next big event is the NDA Convention and Expo in Austin, which is taking place 22-25 February. Just a couple of weeks later the US answer to bauma, Conexpo-Con/Agg opens its gates. Another few weeks later in Verona, Italy, the 2020 edition of Samoter will be organised, which is now the largest European building and construction show after bauma and Intermat. In the end of March the IACDS will hold its annual convention 2020 in Willingen, Germany. The convention takes place 25-26 March and is organised in direct conjunction with the German concrete sawing and drilling show BeboSa that takes place on the 26-28 March, also in Willingen. Just a few days later, the US concrete sawing and drilling association, CSDA, will hold its annual convention in Carlsbad, California.

These all mean that if attending conventions and trade shows is a major part of your business, February and March 2020 are going to be very busy indeed next year.



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Hidromek exhibits excavators at BICES Beijing fair

Hidromek attended the BICES 2019 international construction machinery, building material machines and mining machines fair held in Beijing, China, from 4-7 September 2019.

In 2017, more than 100,000 people from more than 70 countries and regions visited BICES, which is held every two years. This

makes the show ideal for Hidromek to exhibit such machinery such as wheeled and crawler excavators, together with other representatives of its construction machinery offering. Amongst the equipment showed was the HMK 140 W and HMK 140 LC, HMK 220 LC and HMK 300 LC P wheeled excavators.



Exclusive Hatz partner in Norway

As of 1 May, the Norwegian company Anleggsgruppen has been providing existing and new customers with comprehensive support for all products and components from the German engine manufacturer. In order to help Norwegian customers become more familiar with the Hatz portfolio, service staff has been undergoing intensive training at the local Hatz training centre and then receiving regular additional training.

Anleggsgruppen has made the ideal start as a sales partner as its 15 person team, under CEOs Per Gunnar Holmgren and Paul

Endresen, processed the first orders for the delivery of new industrial engines for a new Norwegian customer. Igor Hahn, who works in customer service at Hatz, is confident that the engine manufacturer has found the ideal partner in Anleggsgruppen. "Paul Endresen has worked together with one of our technology partners, Ammann, for several years and has long been familiar with Hatz engines. We are excited to have found such an expert contact for our Norwegian customers in Anleggsgruppen," says Hahn.

C&D Demolition Consultants Ltd announce expansion plans

Following a year of project awards and a shortlisting in two categories at the World Demolition Awards, C&D Demolition Consultants Ltd has announced additional services to strengthen its portfolio of demolition related services.

C&D's Mike Kehoe says of the expansion: "This year has seen an increase in the number of projects where our clients have initially employed us to carry out demolition consultancy and then have added to our scope of work by requesting structural engineering services, temporary works services and as-

bestos removal advice. I now think the time is right to offer those key services as part of our consultancy at all times."

C&D Demolition Consultants Ltd has employed two structural engineers (both of whom are demolition engineers) to cover increased demand as well as an asbestos surveyor to carry out R&D Asbestos surveys for clients at the outset. "We feel that the additional services will strengthen our offering to clients as they will be able to go to a 'one stop shop' for all of their demolition concerns," concludes Kehoe.