

Industry News



Conjet Equipment Used in Chunnel Repairs

Train services through the Channel Tunnel linking Britain and France are scheduled to be fully restored by this time, following a major fire in the tunnel in September 2008. The fire raged for about 16 hours in the 31-mile long northern tunnel. Extreme temperatures of up to 1800F caused extensive damage to about 2000 ft of the 25-ft diameter tunnel's concrete lining.

Hydrodemolition, specified as the method to remove the fire damaged concrete, was subcontracted to hydrodemolition and industrial cleaning contractor Philip Lasserat. The contractor rented four Conjet hydrodemolition robots and pumps, together with a team of experienced operators and a project manager, from Rotterdam-based Doornbos Equipment, a specialist in the rental of ultra high pressure water jetting and vacuum equipment. Meeting the tight schedule required working three shifts round the clock.

Damaged concrete was removed to a depth of a little over an inch at a rate of 7000 sq ft/day, and slightly more than 100,000 sq ft of concrete was removed. The robots were supplied by 470 hp and 535 hp pumps operating at pressures up to 14,500 psi and flows up to 63 gpm.

Hydraulic Institute Announces Webinar Knowledge Series on Motors and Variable Frequency Drives

Parsippany, NJ, March 5, 2009—Hydraulic Institute (HI), the pump industry's knowledge leader and foremost resource for pump education, has announced the kick-off of their Spring 2009 Webinar Pump Knowledge Series titled "Motors & VFDs."

Hydraulic Institute is now offering straight talk, informative live presentations by subject matter experts delivered right to a pump professional's desktop—home or office. Participants will be led by and have access to industry-leading experts in a non-commercial educational forum.

The courses were developed in conjunction with and are presented by members of the Hydraulic Institute Drivers

& Controls Standards Committee who have researched and written extensively on the topic of motors and VFDs during the development of the ANSI/HI pump standards.

All HI webinar participants earn HI professional development hours. PDHs are accepted by most certification and licensing entities.

Registration for the HI webinars is per connection, and registrants may have as many people in the room as they would like to participate in the session.

To obtain more details about Hydraulic Institute or to register for the course, please visit www.PumpLearning.org or e-mail Education@pumps.org.

IKECA Receives ANSI Accreditation as Standards Developer

The International Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Association announced that it has been approved as an accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO) by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

IKECA will fill a void in the world of American National Standards by producing the first comprehensive, consensus-built standards for the cleaning, inspection, and maintenance of commercial kitchen exhaust systems. According to Bernard P. Besal, IKECA president, "It is IKECA's goal to create standards that work in harmony with existing standards for kitchen exhaust design, installation, and operation. We will be looking for active representation in the standards development process from the fire protection, engineering, insurance, foodservice, manufacturing, and contracting industries, to ultimately produce standards that can be applied to restaurant exhaust systems across the country."

For more information about the development of IKECA standards, contact Glenn Fellman, IKECA executive vice president, at gfellman@ikeca.org.

Hinderliter Chosen as Environmental Chairman of Power Washers of North America

In response to many new environmental regulations on the horizon, PWNA has established the new position of Environmental Chairman. Robert Hinderliter, a long-time advocate of environmental compliance, will fill the new post. Hinderliter is the owner of Delco Cleaning Systems of Ft. Worth, TX.

According to PWNA, "Fort Worth regulations are a good example of the challenges of meeting EPA standards and limits. The laws have been on the books there since January 1996 and have been highly effective with a good acceptance among contractors. Robert will be working with other associations within our industry in hopes of bringing them together to establish a standard that contractors can live with and that won't force them to purchase expensive equipment in order to become compliant.

For more information visit www.thepwna.org.

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