

Scotia Mack now installs London mixers locally

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Scotia Mack, a division of TG Industries, is now the official installer of the leading mixer brand on the leading truck brand in the ready mix industry at its Dartmouth, Nova Scotia operation. The company now installs London mixers on Mack trucks, saving regional ready mix operators time and money.

Company president Jack Goldston says the move is a natural partnership for his company. "Joining forces with London Machinery is a good marriage for us. We are (Mack) the leading North American supplier of trucks to the concrete industry and London Mixers have a 90 per cent share of the Canadian market."

At one time, in order to get a London mixer on a

truck, ready mix plants in Atlantic Canada had to send trucks to the London Machinery operation in London, Ontario.

"It cost the ready mix plant money in terms of both travel and downtime (approximately 10 days) to send a truck to London," Goldston says. "Now, we have the drum sent to us and we install it here in a week."

Scotia Mack's technicians underwent intensive factory training with London Machinery. In fact, London Machinery personnel traveled to Dartmouth to oversee the first installation carried out at Scotia Mack to ensure all standards were met.

Goldston says it takes approximately 60 man-hours to install the drums on a truck at Scotia Mack.

"We wanted to add value to our services and make better use of our equipment. We



Scotia Mack President Jack Goldston (right) and Sales Manager Glen MacDonald proudly display one of their newly completed trucks. Scotia Mack is now offering APRMCA the advantage of London mixer drum parts and installation at Scotia Mack's Dartmouth shop.

had the welding expertise and equipment and there was a need to have drums installed in Atlantic Canada. It's a natural progression of Scotia Mack's operations."

Scotia Mack also does

mixer body installations on other types of truck bodies, not just Mack. Also, the company's technicians are trained to provide troubleshooting services to trucks with drums already installed.

Local contractors receive ICF building awards

J. Waugh Construction Ltd. is the most recent winner of the Cement Association of Canada's Energy Efficiency Award for Insulated Concrete Form homes in Canada.

Located in Corn Hill near Sussex, New Brunswick, J. Waugh Construction received the award in recognition of its achievement of the lowest calculated energy use in a 1,880 sq.ft. home the company built just outside Sussex.

The home, built using the Logix ICF system, tested as using 42 per cent less energy than the minimum R-2000 requirements, making it one of the most energy efficient homes in the country. Some



Joe Waugh (left) receives CAC's Energy Efficiency Award from CAC President François Lacroix at CHBA's convention.

of its energy efficient qualities include the use of radiant in-floor heating, insulation

under the floor, a ground source heat pump and triple-glazed windows. And, of

course, all that concrete—100 cubic metres of it, to be precise, supplied by Casey Concrete of Moncton.

"Seeing the best R-2000 builders in Canada build homes with ICF demonstrates what many builders already tell us—it's the easiest way to build an R-2000 home," says François Lacroix, president of CAC. "ICF homes are typically 40 per cent more energy efficient than the standard home built in Canada today. Furthermore, R-2000 homes are an integral part of the federal government's climate change plan and one of the best strategies to meet the one tonne per person green house gas reduction challenge for each Canadian."

Another Maritime company was recognized at the same awards when Mike Hennigar's General Construction Ltd. of Clark's Harbour, Nova Scotia received an honourable mention in the Award for Design Excellence category. This 1,600 sq.ft. ICF showcase home was built using the Arxx ICF system and required 70 cubic metres of concrete, supplied by Harlow Construction Ltd. of Shelburne with St. Lawrence's cement powder.

READY MIX BRIEFS

Fall 2004 - Agricultural Concreting Workshop, about farm-specific concrete technology and construction techniques. Details and location(s) TBA for one or several farming communities, depending on the level of interest.

Fall 2004 - American Concrete Institute, Atlantic Chapter Dinner Meetings in Newfoundland and Labrador and P.E.I., details TBA.

October 1-2, 2004 - CRMCA Semi-annual meeting, Halifax, N.S. Details TBA.

January 17-21, 2005 - The World of Concrete, Las Vegas, Nevada. Be sure to use a registration form coded with CRMCA as the sponsor, to show your support for our Canadian ready mixed concrete industry.

February 17-20, 2005 - APRMCA's 39th Annual General Meeting and Convention at the Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador. Full technical and social program. Registration information will be available for members by early December 2004.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM APRMCA TO:

J.D. Irving Limited, Saint John, N.B. and M.F. Schurman Company Limited, Summerside, P.E.I. on signing an agreement in principle for the sale of the business assets and interests of Schurman's. The deal, announced May 13, 2004 will mean business as usual for the various Schurman operations.

Walter J. (Sonny) LeBlanc who retired as general manager, Atlantic Ready Mix Operations, Lafarge Construction Materials (LCM) effective May 1, 2004. A native of Moncton, where he began his career with LCM 32 years ago, LeBlanc worked his way from batcher/dispatcher to his recently held senior management position. He holds a unique record with APRMCA, having been the only president to serve three separate terms. Sincerest best regards to him and his wife Terry, for a long and happy retirement!

Keith Manderville, P. Eng. on becoming general manager, Atlantic Ready Mix Operations, Lafarge Construction Materials, effective May 1, 2004 following Sonny LeBlanc's retirement. Manderville, who is from Renous, N.B. originally, joined LCM four years ago, having worked previously for the Engineering and Works Department, City of Miramichi, N.B. and for a general contractor. Good luck to him in all his new endeavours.

Albert Coldwell, on his retirement at the end of December 2003 as manager, Quality Concrete, New Minas, N.S. Good fortune to you, Albert and we wish you many enjoyable years of retirement!

Steven Casey, manager, Casey Concrete Ltd., Moncton (Earl and Eleanor Casey's "little" boy) is engaged to be married in July. Best wishes from APRMCA to the bride and groom!

Dave Mulherin, Béton Brunswick Ltée., his wife Rolande (the grandparents), daughter Christine and son-in-law Eric Ouelette, manager of Gemtec Ltd., Grand Falls, N.B. on the birth of their daughter, Jessie, six pounds, on February 17, 2004.

Scott Flemming, his wife Joanna and their six-month old daughter Jenna on their move from Geneva, Switzerland back to home turf in Halifax. Flemming is taking up duties in Concrete Operations at Ocean Contractors Limited, Dartmouth much to the liking of father Jack and older brother John. Welcome home!

Neill MacNeill, Construction Technology instructor at the N.B. Community College in Moncton, on becoming president of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) Atlantic Chapter. MacNeill took up the challenge at ACI's successful annual meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on February 7, 2004. The torch was passed from Steve Grainger, P. Eng., Newfoundland Geosciences Ltd., who must also be applauded for a successful year at the helm of the Chapter.

Colin Dickson, P. Eng., business development manager for the Cement Association of Canada-Atlantic for being so successful in helping ACI-Atlantic rejuvenate its dinner meeting program. Two interesting presentations welcomed more than 30 patrons each in Halifax and Fredericton and events are contemplated for later this year in Newfoundland and Labrador and P.E.I.

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