



From left: His Excellency Eng Abdulrahman bin Abdulmohsen Al-Fadley, His Excellency Eng Fahad Aljubair and Eng Jeroen Vincent will work to recycle almost one million t of construction and demolition waste each year

## Saudi recycling plan moves on with MoU

The National Waste Management Centre, Eastern Province Municipality and the Saudi Investment Recycling Company (SIRC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Public Investment Fund (PIF), have signed a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU), to start integrated waste management and waste recycling activities in the Kingdom's Eastern Province.

The agreement was signed by His Excellency Eng Abdulrahman bin Abdulmohsen Al-Fadley, chairman of the National Waste Management Centre; His

Excellency Eng Fahad Aljubair, Mayor of the Eastern Province, and Eng Jeroen Vincent, CEO of the SIRC.

Under the MoU, the three parties will jointly work on the execution of the overall waste management strategy for the Eastern Province to achieve a set of objectives for recycling by 2035. This notably includes recycling 60% of around 1.5 million t of construction and demolition waste produced each year.

As part of an integrated system, the National Waste Management Centre and the SIRC

will build state-of-the-art facilities in the Eastern Province to recycle all types of waste.

Eng Jeroen Vincent said: "The signing of this agreement represents an extension of the agreements signed recently by us, which aims at developing the waste management sector through modern recycling facilities.

"We are proud and honoured to be part of this agreement that will enable our role as waste management sector development company by establishing state-of-the-art recycling facilities in the Eastern Province."

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■ North American company Exodus Machines – whose divisions include ShearCore and OilQuick USA – has expanded its leadership team with the appointment of **Rich Currie** as vice president of sales.



With current president Bruce Bacon going part time ahead of his eventual retirement, the position has been created to oversee the sales and marketing of Exodus Machines and its divisions, which also comprise BladeCore and Connect Work Tools.

Rich joins with over 18 years of experience in the demolition and scrap recycling equipment industries most recently as vice president of specialty sales for Stanley Infrastructure, with responsibility for the Jewell, LaBounty and CWS product lines. He has a strong background of product development and fostering strategic relationships to drive above market revenue growth across segments and regions.



Wacker Neuson receives the award, with Georg Jung second from left

## Wacker Neuson wins Samoter innovation prize

German manufacturer Wacker Neuson's fully electric EZ17e mini excavator model has won an Innovation Award in the mini hydraulic excavator category at the 23rd Samoter Innovation Awards in Italy.

Wacker Neuson was given the prize at the Innovation Awards ceremony in Verona, Italy, where a total of 13 awards across eight categories were given out.

Samoter said the model was selected as the winner for its "efficiency and optimal integration of electric propulsion with a design identical to the diesel version", as well as for its performance.

Wacker Neuson said the zero-emission, battery-powered machine will be the its highlight product at the trade fair this year, which runs from March 21 to 25.

Georg Jung, Wacker Neuson Italy managing director, said: "We are looking forward to presenting our broad offer of zero emission products to the trade fair visitors, including the EZ17e electric mini-excavator."

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Demolition and remediation services specialist Rhodar has removed asbestos containing materials and taken down a derelict public house above a live railway tunnel in south east England.

The 26-week project for Network Rail took place at one of the area's busiest lines, near Maidstone East station in Kent. Rhodar also designed and installed a waterproof membrane to the exposed tunnel arch and permanent fill solution to the basement, ahead of a new forecourt and station entrance being built.

As principal contractor, Rhodar was tasked with asbestos removal and the coordinated controlled demolition of the weather-damaged building, which had been derelict for over 10 years. Due to the building's position, demolition had to be carefully planned and Rhodar began by removing all timber flooring from the ground floor so the exposed basement could be backfilled with 6F2 crushed concrete. The basement voids surrounding the tunnel were filled to 600 mm (24 in) above the crown of the tunnel, allowing a 47 t high reach to be positioned at the rear of the site and use its 28 m (91 ft) reach to take the building down floor-by-floor.