

award from Walter Froehlich, BAUER's Director of After Market Parts and Service. "It is a testament to the diligence and professionalism of the entire ECA team from our Parts and Service Department to the executive level."

ECA has been a leading supplier of foundation construction equipment in the Eastern United States and Eastern Canada for nearly a century. They are exclusive distributors for BAUER Drills, Klemm Anchor and Micropile Drills, RTG Piling Rigs, Pileco Diesel Pile Hammers, HPSI Vibratory Pile Hammers, Word International Drill Attachments, Dawson Construction Products, and Grizzly Side Grip Vibros. ECA offers sales, rentals, service, and parts from nine facilities throughout the Eastern U.S. and Eastern Canadian Provinces.



From left to right: Emanuele Comacchio, Area Manager; Pasqualino Comacchio, Managing Director; Alessandro Comacchio, Project Manager; Renzo Comacchio, President; Patrizio Comacchio, Vice President, and Piero Guardigli, Sales Manager, standing in front of the CH 450.

### Comacchio Introduces New Product Division at Open House

ADSC Associate Member Comacchio held their biennial Open House October 29-30, 2015 where they launched their

new CH 450 drill rig for large diameter piles and the launch of their new product division dedicated to large diameter drilling. The event, which took place in Riese Pio X, Italy, was attended by over 500 guests from all over the world.

"Those who know Comacchio and have

had the opportunity to visit Comacchio over the years have seen how the company is constantly evolving, always changing, always growing. The CH 450 is the first step of a long and laborious process, into which the company has put a tremendous effort,

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in terms of capital investment, technical knowledge and human resources. But what is not changing are the core values of our company, the philosophy based on quality, customer focus and continuous improvement and innovation of products, from the smallest to the largest," said President Renzo Comacchio.

"The idea of developing our own machine for bored piles is not new to Comacchio, but it's only in this past year that the idea developed into a concrete project," explained Alessandro Comacchio, Project

Manager in charge of the design, development and production of this new product range. Throughout its history of almost thirty years, Comacchio has successfully established itself as one of the leaders in the segment of micro-drilling and geo-technics. Following the needs of the market and as a natural develop-

ment of our business, we decided to invest in the creation of the Comacchio Piling Division. This will help us to better satisfy the needs of our customers who work in the foundation industry and to penetrate new market sectors, always with a view to expanding our business into new segments and new markets."

In order to accomplish this, Comacchio has invested in a new production site in Castello di Godego. The new plant, currently under construction, is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2016. "The idea is to create a cutting-edge pro-

duction facility, that will host highly qualified personnel and the most modern equipment for the design and assembly of piling machines. The plant will serve as a catalyst for research and development," continued Alessandro. "The goal is to be able to provide our customers with a full spectrum of solutions, which will include a wide range of equipment for geotechnical and micro-drilling, but also rigs for large diameter drilling, as well as accessories and jobsite ancillaries."

Comacchio remains committed to developing new solutions for the micro-drilling sector, which remains the core business of the company. This was confirmed by the wide selection of drill rigs for micropiles, anchors, jet grouting and civil engineering that were on display during the Open House. It was clear that each of the rigs had been designed and built according to specific customer needs, incorporating insights of the jobsite dynamics, in order to simplify and speed up the operators' work. "Many of our models are built because a customer asked for it. While offering a very wide range of more than 50 models, we are always open to new de-

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mands from customers. We say that customized solutions are our bread and butter," stated the heads of Comacchio.

Two machines exhibited at the Open House were the MC 22 A (a 22 ton rig equipped with an innovative carousel for the handling of rods and casings) and the CPH 1, an excavator-mounted manipulator. "Safety issues are always at the center of attention at Comacchio. We invest heavily in the development of systems that minimize the risk to operators. An issue that has gained even greater relevance with the new requirement of the European standard EN 16228," explained Flavio Durigan, Sales Manager of the Micro-Drilling and Geotechnical Division.

Despite bad weather, the Comacchio staff offered presentations and demonstrations, interspersed with moments of convivial entertainment for the guests who came from all parts of the world, many of whom came from North America, including representatives from International Construction Equipment and Hammer & Steel.

For more information: [www.comacchio-industries.it](http://www.comacchio-industries.it)

### Atlas Copco's Pioneering HardHat® Celebrates 10 Years

ADSC Associate Member Atlas Copco is celebrating the 10th anniversary of an innovation that broke new ground in the protection of portable air compressors. The HardHat canopy is made from linear medium-density polyethylene. Since its launch, the HardHat has overtaken the industry standard metal canopy in many markets. Ideal for construction sites and rental usage, the material used on the HardHat protects the working operation underneath from the elements.

In the last ten years the HardHat has won several awards. It received the internationally recognised Red Dot Award for outstanding design thanks to its modern and rugged structure – a testament to the research and development process behind the product.

To mark the anniversary, Atlas Copco is asking customers from all over the world to submit photos of their HardHat in use.

Visit [www.atlascopco.com/hardhat](http://www.atlascopco.com/hardhat) for more information.

### Apex Geoscience Joins Braun Intertec

ADSC Technical Affiliate Braun Intertec, a geotechnical engineering, testing and environmental consulting firm, is pleased to announce it has acquired Apex Geoscience, a Texas-based geotechnical engineering, testing and environmental consulting company.

"We are focused on expanding our ability to support clients in new geographic areas that can benefit from the experience and knowledge of our diverse team. This acquisition allows Braun Intertec to make full use of the deep talent we currently have on our team and the expertise of the Apex Geoscience team," says Jon Carlson, CEO of Braun Intertec. "Our goal is to maintain sustainable growth while striving to be the consultant of choice for our clients and employer of choice for our employees."

With this acquisition, Braun Intertec increases its presence in Texas and expands into Louisiana and Oklahoma. The Apex Geoscience team adds local knowledge and depth to the services currently offered by Braun Intertec including: environmental consulting, geotechnical engineering and

construction materials testing and inspection.

"Our firms are well-aligned – we both place a high value on maintaining strong client relationships and emphasize the importance of providing meaningful work for our employees," says Mitch Bernhard. "This is an excellent opportunity for our entire team. This combination of talent will be an exceptional gain for both Apex and Braun Intertec in that we are joining two companies with great reputations and regional strength that should result in synergistic growth in the entire central corridor of the country."

The acquisition was effective in September, and added 128 members to the Braun Intertec team. Apex Geoscience will continue to operate under its existing name and brand. For more information about Apex Geoscience, visit [www.apexgeo.com](http://www.apexgeo.com) and to learn more about Braun Intertec, visit [www.braunintertec.com](http://www.braunintertec.com).

Based in Minneapolis, employee-owned Braun Intertec ([www.braunintertec.com](http://www.braunintertec.com)) is a premier engineering, environmental consulting and testing firm with more than 1,000 employees located in Minnesota.

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The ADSC now has "Deep Soil Mixing" guide specifications available in the Technical Library. These specifications along with the drawings, encompasses the furnishing of all designs, materials, products, accessories, tools, equipment, services, transportation, labor and supervision, and installation techniques required for testing and installing the Deep Soil Mixing (DSM).

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