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Bomanite Unveils New Recycled Paper Tool for Cast-In-Place Pervious Concrete

Goal is to improve the Bomanite Grasscrete Systems process and lower installed costs while recycling post industrial and post consumer paper products.

MADERA, CA, January 15, 2007--Bomanite Corporation has made available the details of the long awaited Molded Pulp Former for the production of Grasscrete, a version of pervious concrete. Grasscrete is a void structured cast-in-place concrete product that is continuously reinforced to form the most robust grass concealed or decorative permeable product on the market. Based on the original European developed single use ABS plastic product, this new version of the tool combines the benefits of increased production while eliminating the issue of melting the ABS to create the required voids.

1. The original tool or "ABS Former" is made from thin walled, vacuum formed ABS plastic. The new tool or "Molded Pulp Former" is made from recycled newsprint and various other clean paper byproducts such as post industrial roll ends and post consumer circulated print.
2. The ABS Former is cast into the concrete as part of the pouring process. Once the concrete has cured adequately the ABS Former tops are melted/burned with torches to open the voids. The Molded Pulp Former uses only simple starch as a binder which is easily broken down with pressurized water to open the voids.
3. The ABS Former requires bridging or scaffolding as it can not bear the weight of workmen. The Molded Pulp Former can be walked on by workmen and can even bear the weight of wheeled concrete eliminating the need for bridging.

Utilizing pervious concrete products such as Bomanite's Grasscrete Systems improve the environment through waste water management, minimization of heat island effect and various other detrimental issues associated with non-porous paving surfaces. Additionally, Grasscrete allows for continuous vehicular traffic such as a parking lot while supporting vegetation such as grass or ground cover varieties. Aesthetically pleasing while responsibly sustainable make Grasscrete Systems a good choice for many pervious concrete applications.

For additional information visit www.bomanite.com/grasscrete and follow the Products link to Grasscrete.

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MANUFACTURER OPENS EAST COAST OPERATIONS IN KNOXVILLE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Bomanite Corporation, a leading architectural concrete and paving manufacturer, has opened its second U.S. plant and east coast operations in the Empowerment Zone of Knoxville creating \$500,000 in economic impact.

The Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership's economic development team has worked with the manufacturer's U.S. headquarters in California since October. Funds from the Jobs Now! economic development campaign made possible a team trip to California including a visit to Bomanite to secure the deal.

"The Partnership's and The Development Corporation's assistance was instrumental in our decision to open our east coast operations in Knoxville," said Bill Nichols, general manager of plant operations for Bomanite. "Their philosophy is every job counts and they really supported us, and in turn we will support local suppliers. I'm proud we are now part of the Knoxville community."

The plant opened on March 1st with five employees that will specialize in chemical technology and a plant manager, all hired from Knoxville. The Knoxville Area Career Center organized a career fair and a Manufacturing Skills Fund grant was awarded from Knox County to train the employees at Bomanite's California facility on the specialized machinery they would be working on.

"Bomanite is a great example of a specialized manufacturer that saw that

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LEADER IN ARCHITECTURAL CONCRETE & DESIGN COMING TO GRAND PRAIRIE

GRAND PRAIRIE----Bomanite Corporation, the leader in architectural concrete and paving, has chosen Grand Prairie as home to their third U.S manufacturing facility and warehouse. The 30,000 square foot building, located in the Great Southwest Industrial Park, has already been leased and startup employees will soon begin extensive training at Bomanite's California and Tennessee plant locations. The new site will be a fully operating warehouse and manufacturing facility by March 1, 2006.

"Special thanks go out to the City of Grand Prairie and the state of Texas, without whom this project would have never gotten off the ground," said Bill Nichols, Vice President of Operations for Bomanite Corporation. "Their willingness to help in every way possible, their attention to detail and their dedication to assist Bomanite Corporation were pivotal for the location selection process and their help was instrumental in our decision to open a new facility in Grand Prairie." Nichols added, "Grand Prairie is a very business friendly city and they were willing to work with Bomanite, alleviate concerns, and provide assistance throughout the entire venture. They supported us, and in turn we will continue establishing relationships in support of their local vendors."

According to Nichols, the Economic Development Department provided a wonderful opportunity for Bomanite Corporation and city department officials to meet and clarify the goals of the venture, addressing all concerns on all ends. They also helped bring together local vendors with Bomanite Corporation, ultimately aiding the launch of key relationships within the Grand Prairie area. Bomanite Corporation immediately began working with Work Force Solutions of Tarrant County who posted job openings on the State of Texas website and set up a job fair.