

SPHERE 1 NAMES ANNUAL WINNERS

»Sphere 1 recently announced its 2015 Vendor Partners and Distributors of the Year. Makita is a back-to-back winner after winning the Core Products Award for 2014 as well. Freud was also a pacesetter as the award recipient for Accessory Products and the most successful plans with Sphere 1's Membership in the Gateway for Growth platform.

"Sphere 1 Vendor Partners of the Year are the highest Vendor awards given at our annual conference," said Rob Moe, vice president of Sphere 1. They have the best overall score on the Sphere 1 Annual Support Card, which ranks all 99 vendors on six individual criteria important to the success of the cooperative."

Stanley Black & Decker was awarded Supplier of the Year for the 16th consecutive year for achieving the highest purchase volume from Sphere 1 members in 2015. Stanley Black & Decker was also Sphere 1's top vendor for outstanding support of Sphere 1 University.

Omaha-based Tighton Tools and Fasteners was named Member of the year. Learn more at www.sphere1.coop.

FLOWCRETE NAMES BROOKES PRESIDENT

»Flowcrete Group Ltd. has appointed Craig Brookes, previously the Flowcrete Group vice president and international managing director, to spearhead global operations as its new president. The global leader in polymer flooring technology promoted Brookes to the role after former president, Mark Greaves, stepped up as president of The Euclid Group, the construction chemicals group within the multi-national company, RPM International Inc. For more information, visit www.flowcreteamericas.com.



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MINNICH EXPANDS R&D TEAM

»Minnich Manufacturing, a leading manufacturer of concrete dowel pin drills, concrete paving vibrators and vibrator monitoring systems, announces that Paul Jaworski has joined the company's research and development team. Jaworski brings to Minnich 37 years of experience in concrete vibration technology innovation. In his new role, he will focus on developing innovative products to meet rapidly changing concrete vibration needs. For more details, visit the website www.minnich-mfg.com.



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INTERCORP ON INNOVATIONS TV

»Innovations with Ed Begley Jr., announced that it will feature Intercorp in an upcoming episode, airing third quarter 2016 via Discovery Channel. (Dates and show times TBA.) Founded in 1988, Intercorp is an industry leader in the fastener distribution business. Innovations with Ed Begley Jr. will explore Intercorp's flagship brand, Strong-Point, which is trusted by construction professionals throughout North America for commercial and residential construction projects. Audiences will learn about the brand and the importance of using high-quality fasteners in mission critical applications. Learn more at www.intercorpusa.com.



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SUBARU CALLS IT A DAY

»Fuji Heavy Industries has changed its name to Subaru Corporation in line with an operational change that will focus all engineering and financial resources on its growing automobile division. The Industrial Power Products division will close after fulfilling all order commitments for 2017. To make the transition as smooth as possible for customers, Subaru intends to continue to supply spare parts for a reasonable period to meet market requirements. Visit www.subarupower.com for more details.

ERICKSON TAKES NHS AWARD

»Erickson announces that its Wheel Chock Tie-Down Kit won the Retailers Choice Award during this year's National Hardware Show in Las Vegas. Erickson introduced the Wheel Chock Tie-Down Kit in late 2015. Visit www.ericksonmfg.com.

ROLAIR UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

»ROLAIR Compressors has recently announced the redesign of its website, www.rolair.com. The new site features high resolution product images, improved page organization and up-to-date information. A blog, increased social media use and branded content also reside on the mobile-friendly site. It also contains information about ROLAIR's OEM division.

"The new and improved [rolair.com](http://www.rolair.com) will provide our end-users and distributors alike with a better experience overall," said Mike Kelley, vice president of ROLAIR Compressors. "In addition to being mobile friendly, it will provide users with more accurate, up to date content."



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MAKINEX PRODUCT WINS SAFETY AWARD

»Makinex Construction Products' powered hand truck has won Safe Work Australia's Award for Good Design. The Makinex Powered Hand Truck is a universal materials handling solution that enables one person to safely lift and load small equipment or bulky goods weighing up to 309 pounds. It replaces the need for a forklift and has the potential to cut shoulder and back injuries in the workplace by 34 percent. Visit www.makinex.com/au for details.

MAX USA ADDS TO NATIONAL MARKETING

»MAX USA Corp. has hired Denene Williams as its national marketing coordinator. Williams has over a decade of experience in supporting sales operations by reviewing, developing and defining overall marketing strategy across several industries. Williams' career, so far, has focused on helping businesses build awareness for their brands through the use of creative branding initiatives and the development of innovative marketing strategies. Learn more at www.maxusacorp.com.



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POINT OF RENTAL ACQUIRES SYRINX

»U.S.-based Point of Rental, Inc. announced the acquisition of UK-based Syrinx by Higher Concept Software, merging two industry leaders in rental management software. Point of Rental currently serves over 2,700 customer locations in more than 33 countries, but with the addition of Syrinx's 2,000 customers in more than 10 countries, this merger makes Point of Rental one of the largest rental software providers in the world. Contact www.point-of-rental.com to learn more.

BECK ACQUIRES ET&F FASTENING

»The BECK Fastener Group announces the acquisition of Solon, Ohio-based ET&F Fastening Systems, Inc., a supplier of fastening systems used by contractors for applications involving fastening interior and exterior building materials to light gauge steel. As a wholly-owned subsidiary, the entire product line of ET&F Fastening will also become available through FASCO America, the U.S. master distributor for products manufactured by The BECK Fastener Group. Learn more online at www.beck-fastener.com.

PREBENA BUILDS NEW PLANT IN GERMANY

»German pneumatic tool and fastener manufacturer PREBENA, parent company of PREBENA North American Fastener Corp. has built a new production plant that significantly increases its fastener manufacturing capacity. The new facility is 33 percent larger and adds a customer training center and an extended show room.

The additional space won in the existing buildings is already occupied by new production machines. Overall, the project has cost more than \$5 million and created many new jobs. Visit www.prebena-usa.com.

EVERGREEN ELECTS NEW BOARD

»The Evergreen Marketing Group announces its new Board of Directors and Supplier Advisory Council effective July 1, 2016. **The group's 2016-2017 Board of Directors includes:**

- Chairman Steve Bailey of Bailey Tools & Safety, Louisville, Kentucky
- President Mark Patton of Colony Hardware, Orange, Connecticut
- Vice President Kevin Perz of Dynamic Fastener, Raytown, Missouri
- Secretary John Calhoun, United Tool & Fastener, Houston, Texas
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- Director Mike A. Bannigan, McQuade & Bannigan, Utica, New York

Evergreen's 2016-2017 Supplier Advisory Council includes:

- Larry Lemer of Trimble/Spectra Precision Group (Chairman)
- Robert Varzino, JPW Industries
- Jamie Christian, Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp.
- Bill England, Radians Inc.
- Ron Gehen, United Abrasives/SAIT
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