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AUSTRALIA-SYDNEY

John Lazzari Elected BSCAA National President

Noting that the body "has developed significantly over the past few years", incoming Building Service Contractors Association of Australia National President John Lazzari told the national committee that he is "excited and looking forward to the next two years" in his new role. At a BSCAA national board meeting held in Sydney mid-June, Lazzari was unanimously elected national president, taking over the reins from John Eriani. The national vice president is Steve Nash; treasurer is Rick Mackenzie; immediate past president is John Eriani; and the supporting board members are State presidents Brian Swinton (Queensland), John Gough (New South Wales), John Lazzari (Victoria), Greg Kermeen (South Australia) and Stuart Preston (Western Australia).

AUSTRALIA-SYDNEY

Company Will Clean Up In Athens

Cleanevent, an Australian company that provided services at the Atlanta and Sydney Olympic Games, will play a major role behind the scenes cleaning and maintaining all sports venues for the duration of the Athens Olympics. At Athens, Cleanevent and joint venture partner Lobbe Tzilalis will service a \$100 million contract, providing services to 120 venues during the Olympic Games and Paralympic events. Cleanevent, which employs a staff of 50 permanent and 250 temporary employees, is currently negotiating a contract for the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

CANADA-SASKATCHEWAN

Housekeeping Staff Discover Mold In Hospital

Six patients were moved from a city hospital surgical ward after mold was detected in their rooms. Barry Rorbeck, a Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region official, said six rooms have been closed since the mold was discovered. Water had infiltrated through an exterior wall of the rooms located on a surgical unit in a 27-year-old section of the Regina General Hospital, said Rorbeck. The mold was first discovered by one of the housekeeping staff, who reported it to the building maintenance department. The patients were then relocated to other areas of the hospital, said Rorbeck. "We've engaged an architect to look at the wall system as soon as we got it opened up. They supplied us with a report, which we are reviewing." Rorbeck said he hopes maintenance staff will be able to complete the work without outside help. "It shouldn't require extensive repairs and should be done within two weeks."

CHINA-BEIJING

First Green Building Now In China

Facility management and control company Johnson Controls, Inc. announced that it has successfully completed a project with the U.S. Department of Energy and the Chinese government to proclaim the first "green building" in China. The company said in a release that the collaboration proved effective in providing energy-efficient headquarters for the Ministry of Science and Technology in Beijing, and is a pilot to show the effectiveness of U.S. energy-saving technology. The building was

designed in accordance with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System, the release said. As the country's first internationally-certified green building, the project is redefining construction practices in China, said the release. According to U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, energy usage in the building is approximately 50 percent less than comparable office buildings in Beijing, according to the release.

DENMARK-COPENHAGEN

Immigrants Need Not Apply to Dane Pensioners

Elderly Copenhageners eligible to receive council-paid housecleaning help can legally request white Danes instead of Muslims or immigrants to clean house for them. Immigrants need not apply: Danish pensioners who prefer all-white homehelpers to Muslims or immigrants can place one call to Darenko Janitorial Services to have their racial preferences catered to. According to daily newspaper Politiken, Darenko's "all-white" cleaning service is paid and approved by the country's largest municipality, Copenhagen Council. "We speak and write Danish," Darenko advertises in a flier sent out to all capital city pensioners. The ad sparked a recent investigation under the Copenhagen-based Documentation and Advisory Center on Race Discrimination (DRC), which questioned the legality of Danes explicitly requesting "white help" for taxpayer-funded services. Surprisingly, DRC found that Darenko was fully within its legal rights. "That's the dark side of free choice. Private suppliers can offer goods and services that the council can't, and which may clearly be illegal (for public sector vendors). The council can't compete on discrimination," DRC director Niels Erik Hansen told Politiken.

GERMANY-BAD OLDESLOE

Minuteman Plans Merger With German Firm

Minuteman International, Inc. announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement with Hako-Werke International GmbH, a German-based entity which, through a subsidiary, owns approximately 68 percent of Minuteman's common stock. The merger agreement provides for the merger of a wholly owned subsidiary

of Hako-Werke into Minuteman. Shareholders of Minuteman (other than Hako-Werke and its wholly owned subsidiary) would receive \$13.75 per share in cash in exchange for their cancelled shares of Minuteman common stock. The aggregate value of the merger to the public shareholders is approximately \$15.8 million. Hako-Werke originally made an offer on April 5, 2004 to acquire all of the shares of Minuteman that Hako-Werke did not already beneficially own. The Minuteman board of directors, following the unanimous recommendation of a special committee of independent directors, has approved the merger agreement.

HUNGARY-BUDAPEST

Second Biannual Exhibition Set For October

Pulire East Europe 2004 is the second of these biannual exhibitions organized by Afidamp Servizi in collaboration with Expomedia Group one of the most important European organizations specializing in trade fair events, with a high level of market penetration in Central Eastern Europe. The exhibition will take place in Budapest, in the Budapest Sportarena from 27th to 29th October 2004. Pulire East Europe aims to cover the East European region, which is taking shape as a rapidly developing market. Economic statistics reveal a growth rate of more than 4% per year on the gross domestic product in the region. These countries have seen acceleration in development due to the process of alignment with European standards, in time for the entrance of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Hungary into the EU.

JAPAN-TOKYO

Bank Sells Maintenance Subsidiary

Resona Holdings, Inc. announced that it has sold its wholly-owned building maintenance subsidiary, Asahi Bank Building Maintenance Company, Ltd. - held by its subsidiary bank, Resona Bank, Ltd. - to Japan Maintenance Company, Ltd., as part of its restructuring efforts. According to Resona Holdings, it has been conducting a zero base review of its subsidiaries and affiliated companies with a perspective of increasing efficiency in utilizing management resources. The transfer of shares was to be completed on July 28, and the company noted the sale would have no impact on its earnings results for the year to March 2005. Asahi will step up efforts to expand its operating bases as a group company of Japan Maintenance.

SOUTH KOREA, SEOUL

Coverall Opens Regional Support Center

Coverall Cleaning Concepts, a leader in the commercial cleaning industry, announced the opening of a new master regional support center in Seoul, Korea. This Support Center, managed by Coverall's Team Korea, a division of the Wellvis Company, is positioned for considerable expansion in the next few years. All the franchises in this Master Regional Support Center offer a complete range of commercial cleaning services, focusing on the cleaning of financial institutions, office facilities, hotels, and many others, all supported by the high standards and strong reputation of Coverall Cleaning Concepts. Coverall's new Seoul, Korea Support Center provides Coverall Cleaning Concepts franchisees assistance on issues pertaining to their individual franchise, and keeps them up-to-date on the latest news and trends in the commercial cleaning industry. The Support Center opened for business on July 1, 2004 and is located at 13Fl, Taeseok B/D #275. Yangjae-Dong. Seocho-Gu. Seoul, Korea. For more information please call 82-2-3498-9584 or send a fax to 82-2-589-6020.

UK-LONDON

Linda Casey Celebrates 25 Years At CSSA

Linda Casey celebrated 25 years of continuous service to the CSSA at the end of May. She started with the association straight from school in 1979 and has devoted her life's work to the industry. At the AGM in June CSSA chairman, Roger Goodman, said: "Linda joined the CSSA as a junior on 29th May 1979, straight from school, and has developed her skills through hard work and loyalty over that period. Chairmen and director generals present and past are eternally grateful to Linda for providing strength and stability to the association over such a long period." It is indeed rare in today's world for people to stay in one post for such a long time. But for Linda the reason was simple: "I came to the CSSA in my first job after leaving school and immediately enjoyed the people and the work involved. I enjoy my job now and have no reason to look elsewhere, as long as the directors want me to stay. I have worked for many directors and board

members, all of whom have been characters in themselves and fun to work with." Linda has seen many changes in her 25 years with company start-ups, mergers, acquisitions and, of course, the occasional failure. She probably knows or knew just about all the key players in the industry and will be there, we hope, to welcome a few more in the years to come.



Linda Receives Flowers From CSSA Chairman, Roger Goodman

CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

JohnsonDiversey

JohnsonDiversey, Inc. announced, effective August 16, 2004, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Michael Bailey will assume a newly created strategic role within the company as executive vice president of corporate development. In this new role, Mr. Bailey, who has served as CFO since 1999, will oversee business development, merger, acquisition and business alliance activity, strategy development and execution and information technology management. Mr. Bailey will continue to serve as a member of the company's Senior Management Committee. Also effective August 16, 2004, JohnsonDiversey, Inc. Vice President and Controller Clive Newman will become interim CFO. As interim CFO, Mr. Newman will also serve as a member of the company's Senior Management Committee. Mr. Newman has been in his current role since completion of the company's acquisition of DiverseyLever in May 2002. Mr. Newman has 19 years of finance experience, including serving as European finance director and global controller for the Unilever industrial detergents business. More information: www.johnsondiversey.com.

WFBSC NEWS

It is quickly approaching, The 15th Congress and Trade Show of the WFBSC will take place at the Palais des congrès de Montreal, located in the downtown area. Delegates of the 15th Congress and Trade Show will have a chance to enjoy this newly expanded convention center. The conference promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn, visit the Trade Show to experience the latest in industry technology, and to meet and catch up with old and new acquaintances alike.

DETAILS

The Palais has two entrances, one situated on Viger Avenue and the other on De Bleury Street. Please, for the WFBSC Congress, follow the Viger Hall signs. The address is 201 Viger Avenue West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Telephone: (514) 871-8122 / 1 800 268-8122. There is easy access by bus and metro (Place D'Armes Station) or by foot from downtown and Old Montreal hotels. Please note that the Le Palais des congrès de Montreal is a non-smoking environment.

Hotels are filling up quickly. Please make sure to get your reservation booked. Following is some hotel information:

Hotel Intercontinental

Ideally located in Old Montreal, a five-minute walk to the city's downtown core and across the street to the convention center, Intercontinental's unique Victorian Nordmeyer building offers excellent leisure facilities including a 15-metre pool and professional massage therapy. This landmark is linked to the exquisite Rule des Fortifications and was built over three magnificent stone vaults thought to date back to the middle of the 18th century.

Rates: C\$ 225 per night.



Hotel Fairmont, the Queen Elizabeth

At the center of Montreal's vibrant cultural and commercial district sits the Hotel Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, recently recognized on Conde Nast Traveler's 2002 Gold List. Located above the train station (Via Rail & AMTRAK)

and connected to the extensive underground city of thousands of boutiques, restaurants and cafés, and within walking distance to sports and cultural attractions, the hotel reflects the distinct elegance and charm of Montreal. It is a 15-minute walk and 5-minute taxi ride from the hotel to the convention center.

Rates: C\$ 219 per night.

Hotel Hilton Bonaventure

Unique penthouse oasis located in the heart of the city nestled amidst 2 acres of landscaped gardens alive with playful ducks and winding brooks. Occupying the top two floors of Place Bonaventure, the Hilton

Montreal Bonaventure offers the benefits of both a business and resort environment under one roof. An elevator ride from the hotel's lobby connects with Montreal's ever-expanding underground city and elegant boutiques. It is a 10-minute walk and a 5-minute taxi ride from the hotel to the convention center.

Rates: C\$ 199 per night.

Hotel Hyatt Regency

Located in the heart of downtown Montreal, the hotel is a few steps away from Old Montreal, the Old Port and the Musée d'Art Contemporain. With a link to the 100 boutiques of Complexe Desjardins and the metro, it has direct underground access to the convention center and to Place-des-Arts. It is a 10-minute walk and a 5-minute taxi ride from the hotel to the convention center.

Rates: C\$ 199 per night.

For more information and to register for the Congress, go to www.wfbsc.org or www.opus3.com/wfbsc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

15th Congress of the World Federation of Building
Service Contractors

Montreal, Canada
September 26-29, 2004

Visit the WFBSA website at www.wfbsc.org and the web-
site at www.opus3.com/wfbsc for more information.

BSCAI Annual Convention and Trade Show

Orlando, Florida
April 1-5, 2005

Visit the BSCAI website at www.bscai.org for more
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