Continental buys bridge line from DeBourgh

Continental Manufacturing, Inc. of Alexandria, Minn., has acquired the Town & Country Bridge line from DeBourgh Manufacturing of Minneapolis. Continental is a diversified manufacturer with divisions in prefabricated pedestrian, vehicular, and utility bridging systems, automotive collision repair, and custom-designed automated equipment manufacturing.

Continental began as a prefabricated bridge manufacturer in 1972. Officials said this acquisition will enhance Continental’s position as North America’s largest manufacturer of custom-designed prefabricated bridges. Continental Bridge will continue to manufacture and market its bridges from its Alexandria headquarters.

Jacobsen presents scholarship to turf student

Jacobsen Division of Textron has awarded a scholarship to golf course operations to Tom McAlister, a student at Lake City (Fla.) Community College. McAlister is enrolled in the school’s turfgrass program. In announcing the award, Jacobson Regional Sales Manager George Hollander praised the school for its emphasis on turfgrass studies.

“We have a definite need for trained people in the turfgrass field,” Hollander said. “Lake City is doing a great job of providing these skilled people, and Jacobsen is pleased to help advance the program.”

The presentation was made during an awards banquet sponsored by Jacobsen and its Florida distributor.

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Golfix, Ltd., of Ponte Vedra, Fla., announced it has appointed Complete Golf Services Co. of Phoenix, Ariz., to represent its products in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Southern California.

Ciba-Geigy’s Pennant liquid herbicide now has a 24(c) special local need label for use in commercial sod production in Florida. This is the first time Pennant applications have been allowed on turf. The herbicide was initially labeled for use on ornamental plants in 1987. Currently, the pre-emergence herbicide can only be used in Florida on commercially grown St. Augustine grass.

LABS Systems, the publisher of TRIMS Grounds Management Software, has signed international marketing agreements with Sadamato Materiel D’Irrigation in France and the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association in the United Kingdom.

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in the Northeast I want to talk to if I have any questions.”

Bator said designing and building courses has been the most enjoyable part of his 28 years in the business, “although my forte is probably restoring old Rembrandts (like Oak Hill, Pine Valley and Merion),” he said. “I enjoy that part of it more than the new construction.”

Asked to pick his favorite course, Bator said it was too close to call between Pine Valley and Merion. In both cases, he mentioned the green committee's role in the design process.

There are no other U.S. courses where Bator would like to try his hand, although he mentioned a fascination for Scotland’s Ballybunion.

“It would be a different experience to host a British Open,” he said. “The superintendents over there care for courses in the old-fashioned way. They have very little money. They rely on God and nature.”

Detroit society cites Hancor, Inc.

The Detroit Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers awarded Hancor, Inc. the Process Award and the Grand Award for its storm drainage product, Hancor Hi-Q pipe.

Hancor’s marketing manager, Bill Altermat, and project engineer, Matt Ankrom, received the awards at the society's annual awards banquet held in Troy, Mich., in April.

Hancor’s Hi-Q pipe competed against other non-automotive plastic products manufactured in northwest Ohio, northeast Indiana, and southern Michigan for five awards — The Product, Process, Design, Application, and the Erik Erikson awards. The five winners then competed for the Grand Award recognizing the best product among the five.

Hi-Q is a polyethylene pipe with a corrugated exterior and smooth interior. Its smooth interior allows Hi-Q to carry more water than other pipes traditionally used for storm drainage. Its corrugated exterior makes Hi-Q strong enough to be installed under highways.

The Process Award honors the innovation or technology Hancor has made to plastic processing equipment to make Hi-Q.