

PEOPLE NEWS



■ **Clinton Dick**, founding director of Liberty Industrial, has been announced as one of the four finalists in the Building &

Construction Executive of the Year category for the *CEO Magazine* Executive of the Year Awards. Described as Australia's most prestigious business awards, they celebrate leading executives and the contributions they have made to their companies. Clinton has been shortlisted for the Building & Construction Executive of the Year Award, which judges entrants in areas such as their approach to sustainability, organisational continuity in the event of an economic downturn, initiatives they have established and their vision for the future of the company. Clinton founded Liberty Industrial in 2008.

■ United Kingdom-based Coleman Group has appointed **Gareth Rowe** as operations director of its Specialist Cutting Services businesses. Gareth joined as operations manager four years ago and He has worked with



Coleman Group managing director Mark Coleman to establish the cutting services business as a recognised service for construction,

demolition and blue chip clients nationwide. "Joining the group was an exciting career move for me," said Gareth. "Mark has shared his experience and knowledge with me to help me progress as a senior manager."

World class demolition the Aecom way

The 2016 World Demolition Summit opened on Friday 14 October in Miami with first speaker Tim Barker outlining a vision of a safe, world class demolition industry.

Tim, who is demolition and decommissioning program director at global consultant Aecom, told the 250 delegates about the demanding requirements of US military projects, and the crucial role safe work practices play in projects.

"If you manage safety well then you are managing the schedule well, and if the schedule is managed then that leads to profitability," he said.

"Safety is synonymous with profitability."

He also advised contractors to incentivise their workforce to work safely.

"If you want to achieve great things, pass the incentives down to the workforce.

"Work these dollars down to the field and you will see incredible things. Not token gestures."

Earlier, the conference was opened by William Sinclair, president of the European Demolition Association, who described it as the perfect event to learn about innovations and technical advances in the industry and to network with fellow professionals.

The World Demolition Summit is organised by KHL Group and *Demolition & Recycling International* magazine, and this year it was held in co-operation with the National Demolition Association (NDA).

The headline sponsor for the



Tim Barker: 'Safety is synonymous with profitability'

Summit was Volvo Construction Equipment. Silver sponsor was OilQuick, and bronze sponsors Arden, Caterpillar, Genesis, Jewell, Kinshofer, LaBounty, Lehnhoff, McCloskey and Rotar. ■

Atlas Copco scoops medal for innovation at GaLaBau

Atlas Copco's Rtex pneumatic breaker has been awarded the Innovation Medal at the GaLaBau exhibition in Nuremberg, Germany.

It was one of 15 prize winners

selected from 120 entries.

The medal was awarded by the Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau (BGL).

The breaker received the prize

for its novel design concept, which enables a 50% reduction in compressed air usage.

The breaking force of the Rtex is equal to that of a 30+ kg breaker, whilst it weighs 25% less.

By awarding the innovation prize to Atlas Copco, the top level expert jury, consisting of representatives of the BGL, technical colleges, trades unions, landscape architects, and garden, landscape and playground construction companies, has recognised this advance. ■



Atlas Copco won the award for its Rtex product, which offers higher breaking force than breakers weighing 25% more made by other companies

The first meeting of the European Union funded RE4 Project has taken place in Brindisi, Italy.

For the next three and a half years the project will develop new technologies to increase the reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste material in energy efficient prefabricated elements for building refurbishment and construction.

Among those present was Sean Kerr, head of engineering at United Kingdom based CDE Global.

He said: "To be involved in the first Horizon 2020 funded research project in this area is an exciting prospect and a great opportunity to make significant advancements in reducing the environmental impact of construction and demolition activities."

