



Precast Company

Gate Restructures BIM Tech, Northern Division

Gate has internally promoted several employees in a restructuring move that significantly improves efficiency in both its BIM Technology unit and Northern Division

JACKSONVILLE, FL, May 7, 2020 - Gate Precast Co. has internally promoted several key employees in order to restructure and streamline its BIM Technology unit and Northern Division.

Despite current market challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Gate is preparing for strong growth. "We're continuing to grow and develop, and are making key changes to better serve our clients," says Dean Gwin, president and COO.

As an integral part of the BIM Technology changes, Nate Brooks transferred to Monroeville, Ala., on April 20 as a new project manager and reports directly to Senior Project Manager Joey Langham. Brooks previously served as BIM managing director and CV coordinator in Gate's Winchester, Ky., plant.

Additionally, the management of Gate's BIM Technology unit has been restructured by division. Steve Brock, senior vice president in Ashland City, Tenn., now serves as BIM facilitator for the Northern and Southern BIM coordinators, while continuing to support Tennessee Operations Manager Lee Baker.

Chris Winfield, drafting manager in Ashland City, is now BIM coordinator for the Northern Division and Andre Jagnanan, senior precast designer in Kissimmee, Fla., assumes the role of BIM coordinator for the Southern Division. In their new roles, Winfield and Jagnanan collaborate with Brock and their respective vice presidents of operations to plan and implement new technology, standards, processes and procedures in the Engineering Department.

Sam Taylor in Oxford, N.C., continues in his role as BIM developer and collaborates with the divisional BIM Coordinators. He has also assume role of Gate's CV coordinator.

In the restructuring of its Northern Division, Gate promoted Lee Baker to operations manager at the company's Ashland City plant. Since joining the company in 2002, Baker has served as a plant quality control technician, scheduler and assistant plant manager, then as plant manager in Winchester. Rob Ellifrits transferred from Winchester to the Ashland City plant as quality control manager. Ellifrits has more than 30 years' experience in the precast industry and is PCI Level III certified.

Twenty-year veteran Chris Benson remains in Ashland City, but has transitioned from quality control manager to safety supervisor with an emphasis on training new hires. He also maintains his current responsibilities overseeing samples and mixes.

At Gate's Winchester plant, Sam Ballard, production superintendent, assumed sole responsibility for all activities within the production plant. Ballard has been with Gate for three years and has 25 years of precast experience.

Also in Winchester, David Graham, a 24-year Gate veteran previously serving as yard superintendent, now leads Gate's finishing, patching, loading and delivery departments, as well as jobsite/subcontractor coordination. Gwen Ballard, previously the training director, is now quality control manager. Ballard is PCI Level III certified and has 20 years of precast experience, including as quality control manager at a structural precast plant.

Gate Precast is confident that the restructuring of its plants and promotions of personnel will enhance its ability to serve customers across the region.