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AltusGroup hires Klosowski-Blatz as new executive director

The AltusGroup Board of Directors has named Katherine A. Klosowski-Blatz, a senior executive with decades of experience in the construction and manufacturing industries, as the organization's new executive director. She began her role on November 1, 2024.

Klosowski-Blatz brings an extensive and diverse management background to AltusGroup. She has spent the majority of her 27-year career with BASF Construction Chemicals/Construction Systems (formerly Huls America and Degussa Building Systems), the predecessor to MBCC-GROUP. During her tenure, she held various leadership positions, including global director of commercial data excellence, global director of virtual design and construction, head of construction systems for the Asia Pacific region, and regional manager for product development and marketing.

Klosowski-Blatz succeeds John Carson, who in March 2024 announced his intent to retire by February 2025 after 12 years as AltusGroup's executive director and an additional 10 years on the board of directors. Carson oversaw a dramatic expansion in AltusGroup's coast-to-coast presence in the United States and Canada with AltusGroup members now operating 27 manufacturing facilities across North America. Carson also grew the market presence of AltusGroup's flagship technology, CarbonCast, which uses carbon fiber grid as a wythe connector in insulated precast concrete wall panels.

As the third executive director in AltusGroup's 22-year history, Klosowski-Blatz brings a wealth of leadership experience from professional organizations. She has served as the national president of the International Concrete Repair Institute and as the past chair of ASTM Committee D01.47. Klosowski-Blatz has been recognized with the Outstanding Achievements Award for authoring and publishing two ASTM standards and holds various board positions and committee chairmanships within industry organizations. —Source: AltusGroup



Katherine
Klosowski-Blatz

County Materials, County Prestress & Precast hire Therrian as CPO

Aimee Therrian has joined County Materials Corp. and County Prestress & Precast LLC as the company's new chief people officer. Therrian will be responsible for leading the organization's human resources and people strategy by driving initiatives that attract, develop, and retain top talent while fostering a positive organizational culture.



Aimee Therrian

Most recently, Therrian has been the chief human resources officer and vice president of global human resources for CentroMotion, where she executed a global human resources strategy for the company in 26 countries that contributed growth to over 3700 employees. In addition, she served as senior director of human resources for the Americas with Enerpac Tool Group (previously Actuant Corp.), where she rebuilt their domestic and internal human resources organization and strategies across 20 locations. Prior to this, Therrian was the senior manager and director of human resources for surface mining with Komatsu Mining Corp. (previously Joy Global and P&H Mining), where she worked directly with executive leadership to drive their business strategies through effective human resources management initiatives.

Brad Schmidgall, CEO for County Materials Corp. and the family of companies, says, "Our organization will benefit greatly from Aimee's proven experience and competencies. She is a forward-looking, senior people leader who I am confident will design and deliver effective people strategies that drive our continued growth and success as a company people are proud to live near, work for, and do business with." —Source: County Materials Corp.

Jensen Precast changes name to Jensen Infrastructure

Jensen Precast has changed its name to Jensen Infrastructure to better reflect its expanding capabilities. Along with the precast concrete products the company has provided to customers since its founding, Jensen Infrastructure now offers a broader range of materials,

including metal, fiberglass, polymer, and high-density polyethylene liner solutions. In addition, its expanded product lines include reinforced concrete pipe, box culvert, utility enclosures, prestressed concrete posts, stormwater management solutions, and more.

As part of the company's transition from Jensen Precast, its engineering services are now a key focus. With manufacturing facilities in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Washington, the company serves commercial, residential, and municipal customers with standard and custom products engineered, manufactured, and delivered to project sites.

—Source: Business Wire

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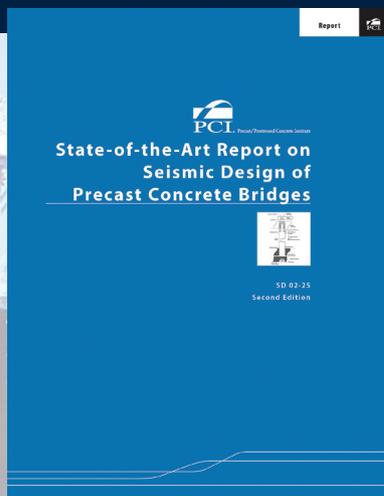
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