SHANNON & WILSON ANNOUNCES 2017 PROMOTIONS

Shannon & Wilson announces the following promotions for 2017: Christopher Darrah to Vice President; Jeri-Beth Bowman to Senior Associate; and Jeremy Butkovich, Andy Caneday, Kathy Corbett, Matt Gibson, Kathryn Petek, and Tyler Stephens to Associate.

Christopher Darrah joined Shannon & Wilson in 1987 and has been in the firm’s Fairbanks, AK, office, which he currently leads, since 1992. As a geologist and environmental scientist, his professional focus is on environmental assessments and regulatory compliance for both public and private clients.

Jeri-Beth Bowman has been with Shannon & Wilson for more than 17 years, supporting many of the firm’s administration and human resources functions. She is currently the Director of Human Resources, managing the recruiting and retention of more than 300 employees in 12 offices.

Jeremy Butkovich joined Shannon & Wilson in 2005 after completing his master’s degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As a licensed professional engineer in Washington, he leads a variety of geotechnical engineering projects for transportation, education, and utility clients.

Andy Caneday is a licensed engineering geologist in Washington and has been with Shannon & Wilson since 2002. He manages subsurface exploration programs and characterization of complex subsurface conditions to support engineering for a large range of infrastructure projects.

Kathy Corbett is Shannon & Wilson’s Corporate Data Systems Administrator. She has been an integral part of the company’s information technology staff for more than 17 years coordinating systems and software for maximum efficiency and reliability.

Matt Gibson joined Shannon & Wilson in 2008. He provides geotechnical and earthquake engineering expertise on large infrastructure projects along the west coast of the United States and Canada. He received his master’s degree in geotechnical engineering and is a licensed professional civil engineer in both Washington and California.

Kathryn Petek joined Shannon & Wilson in 2006 after completing her doctoral degree in civil and environmental engineering. Kathryn has provided geotechnical expertise on a wide variety of transportation and building projects throughout the northwest United States and Canada.

Tyler Stephens joined Shannon & Wilson in 1999 as a geotechnical engineer, and has worked extensively with the firm’s Railroad Services Group for more than 6 years. His projects have included tunnel rehabilitation, rock slope stability, rock slope design, landslides, embankment failures, and bridge foundations.

Shannon & Wilson is an employee-owned consulting firm with more than 60 years of experience providing geotechnical and environmental consulting services from 12 offices across the United States.

TBM EXPERT JOINS SHANNON & WILSON’S UNDERGROUND SERVICES PRACTICE

Shannon & Wilson is continuing its expansion of their underground services practice with strategic hire Edward R. Kennedy. Kennedy joins the firm as a Vice President and Senior Project Manager for Tunnels and Systems. He has more than 40 years of experience in all major phases of heavy civil construction projects and significant expertise with soft ground and hard-rock tunnel boring machines (TBMs).

Kennedy has served as Resident Engineer for large, complex water/wastewater, transportation, and other infrastructure-related projects in challenging urban environments. He is also an established leader and innovator in the tunneling/underground industry, having participated in much of the development history of the TBM and working with Robbins, who pioneered hard-rock TBMs and disc cutters. He is recognized by contractors, engineers, owners, and manufacturers as an innovative engineer and hands-on TBM expert with unique knowledge of mechanical excavation and its application. He has also worked on the design, operation, and troubleshooting of both soft-ground and hard-rock TBMs around the world.

“Adding Ed to our team strengthens Shannon & Wilson’s construction management and engineering services for TBM projects, and adds capabilities to our growing eastern U.S. services,” states Axel Nitschke, Director of Operations for Underground Services and Manager of Shannon & Wilson’s DC Metro office.
CEMEN TECH SIGNS VAN KEPPEL AS AUTHORIZED DEALER

Cemen Tech, the leader in the volumetric mixing industry, announced they have recently signed The G.W. Van Keppel Company as the exclusive dealer for Cemen Tech volumetric mixers in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Van Keppel has over 90 years of experience and has grown to become one of the leading providers of equipment and services for construction, material handling, trench safety, and quarry supply industries in the Midwest.

Van Keppel represents many well-known international brands, including Volvo, John Deere, Caterpillar, Cascade, Hyundai, Kawasaki, Komatsu, Toyota, Yale, Sany, New Holland, and Terex Trucks, in addition to Cemen Tech volumetric concrete mixers. Van Keppel’s pledge is to meet all their customers’ equipment and service needs with the highest level of quality and integrity.

Van Keppel also offers used equipment and carries an extensive inventory of parts and provides equipment service, repair, and maintenance. The addition of Van Keppel to Cemen Tech’s dealer network will provide improved customer service and support for Cemen Tech customers in these four states.

“We feel that our partnership with Cemen Tech will allow us to provide our customers with the solutions they need to grow margins in an increasingly competitive marketplace,” said Taylor Killion, Regional Sales Manager CE Group at The G.W. Van Keppel Company.

“The addition of Van Keppel is an exciting next step to the expansion of our global dealer network,” stated Mark Rinehart, Director of Sales and Marketing for Cemen Tech. “Partnering with Van Keppel will allow us to greatly expand the number of businesses that can benefit from using volumetric mixers.”

Cemen Tech, Inc., has 47 years of manufacturing and engineering experience in the volumetric mixing industry. As the industry leader, the company strives to provide the highest-quality concrete mixers to its customers. Cemen Tech currently operates in over 52 countries, services mixers across the globe, and supplies equipment to the United States military. Cemen Tech believes that people, businesses, and communities around the world should have the infrastructure to access clean water, to transport goods and services, and to access reliable housing. Their products provide the foundation and stability to meet the needs of a growing world in an environmentally conscious way. Visit www.CemenTech.com.

The G.W. Van Keppel Company is a diversified equipment provider in the Midwest. With over 200 employees and locations across seven states, the G.W. Van Keppel Company is a leading provider of new equipment, rental equipment, new and used parts, as well as service in the aggregates, construction, underground, and material handling industries. Visit www.vankeppel.com.

CALL FOR PAPERS: THE SHOTCRETE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2018, ALPBACH, AUSTRIA

The Shotcrete Conference and Exhibition 2018 will take place in Alpbach/Tyrol, Austria, January 11-12, 2018. Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to spritzbeton@kusterle.net as a Word file before May 15, 2017. No special format is required.

For more information, visit www.spritzbeton-tagung.com.

The conference language will be German and English summaries of all presentations will be available. Some presentations will be in English. The Conference Chair is Wolfgang Kusterle, Professor for Building Materials at the OTH Regensburg University of Applied Sciences, Regensburg, Germany.

The conference will be held at the Alpbach Conference Centre located in the central Alps. This is an excellent meeting facility and also provides excellent skiing facilities. Many call Alpbach “the most beautiful village of Austria.” The final program will be available by October 16, 2017.

CEMEX SELLING U.S. REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE UNIT FOR $500M TO QUIKRETE HOLDINGS

Global building materials company CEMEX is selling its U.S. reinforced concrete pipe manufacturing business to Quikrete Holdings Inc. for $500 million and an additional $40 million dependent on future performance, the Monterrey, Mexico-based company announced.

The divestment by one of CEMEX S.A.B. de C.V.’s American subsidiaries is expected to close in the first quarter of 2017. Rinker Materials, the reinforced concrete pipe company sold to Quikrete, has more than 30 pipe and precast plants in the United States, and the acquisition will “propel Quikrete Holdings to leadership in the concrete drainage products market,” reported Concrete Products.