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Agra Foundations Acquired by Soletanche Freyssinet

PITTSBURGH, PA – July 13, 2010 – Nicholson Construction Company is pleased to announce that Soletanche Freyssinet, a world leader in civil engineering and construction, acquired Agra Foundations Limited on June 25, 2010. Agra Foundations specializes in piling and ground improvement. Agra is headquartered in Edmonton, Alberta, and primarily operates in Western & Central Canada, where it has six office locations. Agra Foundations will continue to operate as an autonomous company, under the leadership of their President, Derek Harris, P.Eng, a 28 year veteran of the company.

Agra joins Nicholson, Menard and Geopac in the family of Soletanche Freyssinet companies performing geotechnical construction work in the United States and Canada. According to Nicholson President Andrew Walker, “The acquisition of Agra Foundations into the Soletanche Freyssinet Group continues our strategic plan for expanding our geotechnical construction services and expertise throughout North America”.

About Soletanche Freyssinet:

The merger of Soletanche Bachy and Freyssinet in 2008 gave birth to an integrated entity made up of specialized businesses and technologies within VINCI Construction. Soletanche Freyssinet is a multicultural group with 15,000 employees operating in more than 70 countries and represents an array of brands and expertise that is unrivalled in the world of specialized civil engineering. The companies that make up Soletanche Freyssinet include geotechnical and specialized civil engineering companies Nicholson, Soletanche Bachy, Reinforced Earth and Menard; Freyssinet who works in post-tensioning and structural repair; and Nuvia, a leader in the nuclear field.

About Nicholson Construction Company:

Nicholson is a versatile geotechnical contractor specializing in deep foundations, earth retention, ground treatment, and ground improvement. As the North American subsidiary of Soletanche Bachy, one of the world's leading geotechnical contractors, we are part of a global network of geotechnical resources and expertise. Nicholson works in a wide range of industries and environments, from power plants and dams, to bridges and skyscrapers. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Nicholson has eight offices around the country to provide local response and address each region's unique geotechnical construction needs.

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