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CHAIRMAN’S COLUMN

Looking back at 2016, and tunneling toward 2017

First and foremost, let’s congratulate everybody for the enormous effort and success of the WTC 2016 event in San Francisco. Many thank yous to the UCA Executive Committee for its strong and unwavering support and commitment to the Congress, to the WTC Organizing Committee, the track chairs, the session chairs and co-chairs, the Scientific Committee and the UCA staff and many others for the thousands of volunteer hours that went into the planning and execution of the event.

Upon last count, more than 2,300 people from around the world attended the event (a new record for attendees), 226 exhibitors had 298 booths, and 353 papers were accepted for podium or poster presentations. I have received comments from many member nations and attendees complimenting us on our planning and execution. Having the event in the Moscone Center under a single roof helped facilitate attendees getting from one session to another session without having to go from building to building and making it quite easy to network with the other attendees and vendors. We were lucky to insist and obtain space that met that criteria and allowed us to shine, and make others realize what could and should be done every year.

We also gave attendance scholarships to more than 50 students to foster additional student growth in the industry. From my discussions with most of the students at the introductory student session, all were very excited about attending and learning more about the varied opportunities within the underground industry and were very appreciative of the scholarships given to them to enable their attendance during the school year. Without the scholarship, none or only a small fraction (locals) of the students would have attended.

We also had several opportunities for the Young Members (under 35) and for the Women Tunnelers to meet and conduct discussions among themselves as groups. I have also received much feedback from members of both groups thanking us for making those events possible with our financial support. We are all very happy to support both groups and enable them to grow and prosper. My thanks and appreciation also to those leaders.

Looking forward, we will continue to support student attendance at RETCs and NATs, the young members and the women tunneling groups. In fact, the UCA executive board has already approved and set aside $50,000 for student scholarships to encourage attendance at next year’s RETC event. Further funding for the groups will also be made available for the future events.

We must continue to grow our foundations, boundaries and diversify ourselves and the industry. I will continue to provide that leadership to do so.

At the last executive committee meeting, following the WTC 2016, the committee had significant discussions regarding further outreach at the student and educator level. We are in the process of formulating a proposal to provide a one-day session for civil, structural and related fields professors during the summer along with proposed curriculum recommendations for them to use as they build their future programs to expose their students to underground studies and prepare them for future underground job opportunities. Many other discussions are underway to enhance the outreach of the UCA. We also talked about creating new awards next year, including a Lifetime Achievement Award, an Outstanding Educator Award, a UCA...
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Conference attendance exceeds 1,400 professionals from more than 30 countries. Industry sectors include: construction, mining, geotechnical engineering, exploration, environmental, economics, manufacturing, government, land, water/wastewater and transportation. The conference includes a comprehensive exhibit, short courses and field trips.

Beautiful San Diego

San Diego, California’s second largest city, where blue skies keep watch over 70 miles of majestic coastline and a gentle Mediterranean climate and friendly locals create a welcoming vibe all its own.

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Plan to speed up New York’s backup water delivery system approved

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said on April 25 that the city would earmark additional money for a third water tunnel in the city that would ensure that clean drinking water could be delivered to Brooklyn and Queens within 48 hours of an emergency shutdown of City Water Tunnel No. 2.

Already, $21 million has been earmarked to disinfect and test the new section of City Water Tunnel No. 3 to prepare it as a backup water source to Tunnel No. 2 by the end of 2017 as part of the city’s $82.2 billion executive budget.

Previously, officials said that it would take several months to make even nondrinkable water available, which would have been crippling to the five million residents and the businesses in the area.

The New York Times reported that Tunnel No. 2 is 80 years old, has been in continuous use and has never been shut for inspection. The mayor said the investment would provide “critical redundancy in our system.”

Most of the infrastructure for Tunnel No. 3 is in place, except for two shafts that will connect parts of the tunnel in Queens to the current distribution system and future parts of the system. But the tunnel can deliver water without them and already carries water to parts of the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens.

Originally, the plan had been to wait until the shafts were completed before disinfecting the tunnel, a necessary step before it could carry drinking water. Emily Lloyd, the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, said.

But at the mayor’s insistence, engineers began devising a way to prepare the tunnel ahead of that work, which Lloyd said would probably be completed in 2025.

“I wish we had thought of it sooner,” she said. “But I think it’s a really good way to go.”

Even now, in the event of an emergency with Tunnel No. 2, the city could deliver water to Brooklyn and Queens through Tunnel No. 3, but it would probably have to be boiled, Lloyd said.

Under the revised plan, residents in those boroughs would have a backup supply of clean water at the ready within about two days, Lloyd said, adding that the details were still being worked out.

Over the past decade, the city has spent about $10 billion to build redundancy into a system that relies on three main tunnels to deliver about 4.1 GL (1.1 billion gal) of water to the city every day.

After reports that money had fallen out of the budget for the shafts for Tunnel No. 3, the mayor reasserted his commitment to complete the $657 million project.

Jim Roberts, who manages the city’s water and sewage operations, welcomed the announcement.

“It’s always good news when we have more flexibility and more redundancy available to us,” he said.

Victoria to put up $11 billion to fund Melbourne Metro Rail project

The new Melbourne Metro Rail project will be funded by Victoria.

Victoria’s treasurer, Tim Pallas said Victoria wanted $4.5 billion to come from the federal government but that Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was only interested in loans. Pallas said the project can no longer wait on the federal government.

9news.com.au reported that the 2016/2017 state budget includes $2.9 billion for the twin rail tunnels under the CBD, with the rest out beyond the forward estimates.

“We just can’t wait. We are deadly serious about delivering this project, and we will deliver it, with or without the federal government,” Pallas said.

The state government will fund the entire project and hopes to recoup some costs from the private sector, although Pallas said he would welcome future funding from Canberra.

An additional $588 million has been earmarked to extend the South Morang line through to Mernda, with construction set to start next year.

Trains are due to start running by mid-2019.

The Hurstbridge line will be duplicated between Heidelberg and Rosanna at a cost of $140 million.

The budget also includes $1.3 billion for investment in regional rail and $1.1 billion to rebuild schools.

Of the $1.3 billion dedicated to regional rail, $518 million will be used to duplicate the Ballarat line between Deer Park West and Melton.

The newly built Caroline Springs Station will need to be upgraded before taking its first passenger.

The Australian Industry Group has expressed its support for the new budget announcement.

“What we see in infrastructure spending is something we’ve called for some time and obviously that’s not only going to help businesses, it’s going to help small businesses and the community as well,” Victorian director Tim Piper said.
Proposals for second tunnel for Chesapeake Bay Bridge all top $1 billion

Construction of the proposed second tunnel on the 1,740-m (5,710-ft) long Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, already listed as a mega-project, looks like it will top $1 billion.

Three design-build proposals for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel are hundreds of millions of dollars higher than estimated and each proposal comes in at more than $1 billion for the Parallel Thimble Shoal project. The lowest proposal is $292 million higher than the $724.4 million estimate, according to Jeff Holland, the bridge-tunnel’s executive director.

The Virginian Pilot reported that the proposals are from: Bouygues TP/Traylor/Manson, $1,016,046,800; Archer Western-Vinci Construction Tunnel Builders, $1,071,683,000; Dragados USA and Schiavone Construction, $1,092,000,000.

All three companies proposed a bored tunnel which would be the first of its kind in the area. The Thimble Shoal tunnel is the opening nearer to Virginia Beach on the 28.3-km (17.6-mile) bridge that connects to the Eastern Shore. A second 1.6-km (1-mile) long tunnel there would help in the event of a crash, increase safety and reduce lane closures for maintenance.

The new Midtown Tunnel and every other transportation tunnel in Hampton Roads has been an “immersed” tunnel that sinks sections of the tunnel to the floor of the body of water.

Last August, the CBBT Commission shortlisted the three firms, plus Skanska-Kiewit-Weeks, the firm that is building the Midtown Tunnel. SKW did not submit a formal proposal, Holland said.

The process calls for accepting the lowest bid that meets technical requirements, Holland said. Since the proposals are higher than expected, they would work to “desclope” the project by removing or scaling down parts of it for cost, he said.

The governing body that oversees the CBBT has long intended to expand its two tunnels, but approved the project in May 2013. In 2013, the commission voted to raise tolls to help pay for the project, in addition to bonds and state and federal loans. The toll is $13 for an off-peak trip in a regular vehicle.

The CBBT District is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and operates as a business entity. The district doesn’t use federal, state or local taxes to operate or maintain the bridge. However, the district is tax exempt.

The bay crossing was last expanded in 1999, when a second set of bridges opened. Traffic moves in two lanes in each direction on the bridges, but it merges into single-lane, bidirectional traffic in each of the two underwater portions of the crossing.

Timelines call for construction to begin in 2017 with completion in 2020 or 2021. Expansion of the second underwater section is dependent on cost and timeline of the Thimble Shoal portion but it is tentatively slated for 2040 or later.

Canada launches feasibility study for tunnel between Newfoundland and Labrador

An investment of C$750,000 to study the feasibility of a tunnel connecting Newfoundland and Labrador is an investment in a project that could pay off by solving many of the province’s persisting problems, according to Premier Dwight Ball.

Some residents questioned the cost of the study and the timing, but Ball said a link between the island and mainland would create new sources of revenue and help diversify the economy — something many say is badly needed to break the province from its cycle of booms and busts.

CBC News in Canada reported that businessman and former N.L. Liberal Party president Danny Dumaresque has been trying to drum up support for a tunnel under the Strait of Belle Isle for years, especially after visiting Norway and seeing how similar projects have been completed there with great success.

“It is, in my view, the number one diversification project we could do in this province,” he told CBC News. “It will bring hundreds of high paying construction jobs and bring hundreds of thousands of new tourists here, with money to spend.

“That’s the kind of province building and nation building that we must undertake in order to be able to change the fundamentals of our economy.”

The concern has grown out of the financial crisis that the province is currently contending with. But Dumaresque feels it’s important to get the project going as soon as possible.

Dumaresque has said that a public-private partnership could cover the costs of the tunnel. He cited the success of the Confederation Bridge between PEI and New Brunswick and how it was funded in the 1990s.

“I was really stimulated to try and pursue this kind of a project because of the PEI bridge, which was built by 100 percent private money in 1997,” he said.

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Crossover tunnel boring machine makes history in Mexico City

On March 29, 2016, North America’s first Crossover tunnel boring machine (TBM) broke new ground in Mexico City. The 8.7 m (28.5 ft) diameter Robbins XRE — a cross between a rock TBM and an earth pressure balance (EPB) machine — emerged into an intermediate shaft at Túnel Emisor Poniente (TEP) II.

The machine is undergoing some maintenance before continuing on to bore the final 3.2 km (2 miles) of tunnel. The customized TBM, for a consortium of Aldesem, Proacon, and Recsa, was chosen based on a number of parameters that included challenging ground conditions below an area to the west of downtown Mexico City.

The tunnel path travels through a mountain with cover as high as 170 m (560 ft), through fault zones and in a section with cover as low as 8 m (26.2 ft) above the tunnel crown. Much of the tunnel consists of andesite rock with bands of tuff, and softer material in fault zones as well as an 874 m (2,870 ft) long section in soft ground at the end of the tunnel.

“The geological profile of the project comprises six different lithologies, among them hard rock such as dacite. To get the best operation in both areas required use of dual mode technology such as the crossover TBM,” said Enrique del Castillo of contractor Aldesem. The 8.7 m (28.5 ft) diameter Robbins XRE is a design that allows for the TBM to effectively bore in both hard rock and mixed ground.

The machine setup includes a canopy drill and positioner for enhanced ground consolidation, as well as gear reducers to adjust torque and RPM based on ground conditions. The TBM, initially launched in hard rock mode, can be operated in EPB mode later on by switching out the belt conveyor with a screw and converting the cutterhead.

The Robbins crossover machine began its journey in August 2015, and advance rates picked up quickly. Project records were set in January 2016 after the machine achieved a best day of 42.8 m (140 ft) and a best week of 185.1 m (607 ft). By mid-March the machine had bored through the first of the contact zones, a 30-m (100-ft) wide section of fractured and blocky rock. While the excavation through the contact zone was slow going, progress picked up again in the more competent rock. Final breakthrough is expected in autumn 2016.

Once complete, the 5.8 km (3.6 miles) tunnel will supplement an existing and overtaxed wastewater line built in the 1970s. The deep drainage tunnel will serve to prevent recurrent flooding in Valle Dorado, and will benefit the cities of Cuautitlán Izcallí, Tlahuénepantla, and Atizapán de Zaragoza, an area with a total population of 2.1 million people.

Chairman’s Column: Looking beyond WTC 2016

Outstanding Educator Award, a UCA Outstanding Individual Award, and a UCA Project of the Year Award. All suggestions/recommendations are welcome from the membership for topics to be discussed at the executive committee meetings or for the awards.

The next event that is on the UCA agenda is the Cutting Edge Conference, which will be held Nov. 6-9 in the Concourse Hotel at the Los Angeles Airport in Los Angeles, CA. The theme of the conference will focus on advances in tunneling technology, which will provide attendees with up-to-date information on the latest trends and techniques used in tunneling projects globally. Following the Cutting Edge Conference, the tunneling community will again meet at the George A. Fox Conference on Jan. 24, 2017 at The Graduate Center of CUNY in New York City. The Fox Conference always sells out so book early as the event provides current information and presentations that are unique to the conference.

Several years ago, the UCA established three strategic goals: 1) to become the primary resource for underground construction information requests; 2) to improve the image of underground construction in the minds of public, public officials and private clients and 3) to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the underground construction industry. Now that the WTC 2016 event is behind us, let’s keep the goals in mind and do what we can together to attain these goals, along with inclusion of more younger and women members.

Lastly, as we are now beyond the WTC 2016 event, let’s all continue to work together to enhance the industry and how our industry is looked upon by the general public and the project decision makers. We need them on our side to foster pro-underground solutions in the project decision matrix.

Thank you again to the entire WTC 2016 team.

Artie Silber, UCA of SME Chairman
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Lower North Outfall Sewer Rehabilitation Project
Rehabilitation of the 82-year-old Lower North Outfall Sewer included grouting around the outside of the tunnel to densify and strengthen the soil above the tunnel in order to protect the overlying structures from settlement. Hayward Baker performed permeation and fracture grouting through over 3,500 holes from within the tunnel, stabilizing the overlying structures. State-of-the-art survey technology and proprietary grouting instrumentation allowed Hayward Baker to first probe the soil to determine existing conditions, and then observe the soil response during grouting, while monitoring the ground surface in real time.

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Metro Gold Line C800

Construction of twin subway tunnels for the LA Metro’s Gold Line would cause ground loss, endangering overlying structures unless the soils surrounding the tunneling zone were treated prior to excavation. Using conventional horizontal drilling to install steel and PVC sleeve port grout pipes, Hayward Baker performed chemical grouting to stabilize soils, and fracture grouting to protect overlying structures. Heave and settlements were monitored by exterior remote robotic total stations and interior wireless tiltmeters.

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Baumgartner Tunnel Alignment
Water-bearing rock formations in the path of the Baumgartner Tunnel Alignment needed to be sealed. Unsafe levels of hydrogen sulfide forced the grouting to be performed from the surface in advance of the tunneling operation. Hayward Baker drilled and grouted the water-bearing rock formations along a 1,200-foot-long segment of the proposed 20,000-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter combined sewer tunnel. A total of 40,000 feet of grout holes was drilled to complete the project. Depths of the drill holes were approximately 170 feet from ground surface.

Big Bend Tunnel Improvement
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Big Bend rail tunnel, constructed in 1932, required extensive ground and wall improvements over a 1,200 foot stretch due to its age and frequent use. Hayward Baker stabilized the tunnel walls with cement-bentonite structural grout, several rows of rock bolts and dowels, and compaction grout underpinning. Epoxy and cement grouting were utilized to repair an existing fracture of the tunnel liner along the spring line. Hayward Baker also stabilized the invert with compaction grouting at approximately 4,000 locations.

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**Port Mann Water Main: Ground Freezing**
Mining of the new, 3,280-ft long Port Mann Water Main was well underway deep below the Fraser River in Vancouver, British Columbia, when an unanticipated mechanical failure occurred in the cutter head, halting mining operations. When initial more conventional approaches to allow access for repair were ruled out, the tunneling contractor contacted Moretrench. Moretrench developed a liquid nitrogen ground freezing solution that would not only allow safe access for inspection and repair but could also be implemented quickly. The remote TBM location, 160 ft below river mud line and 650 feet from the exit shaft, meant that all equipment and materials, including liquid nitrogen storage tanks, had to be ferried to the pile-supported work platform. Pinpoint drilling for freeze pipe installation was critical to ensure freeze build up exactly as designed. After just 12 days of freezing, the freeze was sufficiently formed to allow safe entry into the cutter head for repairs to begin.

**OARS Relief Sewer Phase 2 Shafts: High Mobility Grouting**
Drill and blast installation of three deep shafts through highly variable karstic conditions was the challenge facing the design and construction teams for Phase 2 of the CSO project in Columbus, OH. The shafts extended through shale underlain by three distinct strata of karstic limestone. With the water table 20 ft below the surface, and the high hydraulic conductivity of the rock evident from pumping tests, it was estimated that inflows of thousands of gallons per minute could be anticipated during shaft excavation under hydrostatic head of up to 150 ft. Pre-grouting was therefore required. A Moretrench-designed alternate to the original in-shaft staged grouting plan allowed all grouting to be accomplished around the shaft perimeter from the surface. A suite of four, balanced-stable grouts developed by Moretrench catered to the highly variable subsurface conditions. With grouting complete, excavation proceeded with only minimal shaft inflow.

**Mulry Square Vent Plant: Jet Grouting:**
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Sandvik in Tunneling

Sandvik tunneling expertise covers a variety of methods: Drill and blast, mechanical cutting and breaking. The equipment range includes tunneling jumbos, roadheaders and cutting units, bolters and bolts, drilling and cutting tools, hydraulic breakers, loading and hauling equipment, mobile crushers, and financing, parts and consumables, training, technical support, and repair and rebuild service. The Sandvik DTi series of intelligent tunneling jumbos are fast, accurate and user-friendly. The series is available in four models for excavation of 12–211 m³ cross sections, including face drilling, bolt hole drilling and mechanized long-hole drilling.

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- 1950s - Wet-process shotcrete application developed.
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Malcolm’s list of core services as it relates to tunneling includes access shafts, excavation support systems, cutoff and secant pile walls, jet grouting, deep soil mixing, cutter soil mixing and dewatering. The company has augmented its construction and engineering expertise along with a strong safety record into an equally impressive resume that represents a significant number of high-profile, highly challenging tunneling projects throughout North America.

Malcolm crews recently completed work on the Alaskan Viaduct Replacement Project (SR 99), in Seattle where we installed the support of excavation (SOE) which incorporates large-diameter secant piles to construct the portal for Bertha, the world’s largest tunnel boring machine (TMB). Various ground improvement techniques were used to construct several TBM Safe-Haven’s in challenging glacial till with a myriad of undocumented obstructions. At the Port of Miami Tunnel Project in Florida, Malcolm installed the launch and retrieval pit for the TBM incorporating various Soil Cement Mixing techniques for the SOE as well as the break-in and break-out structures in highly permeable limestone. For the New Irvington Tunnel in California, we drilled very deep Secant Piles to construct the access shaft in rock with verticality requirements which until recently were unachievable.

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Setting the Tunneling Standard
With over 60 years of experience, The Robbins Company is the world’s foremost developer and manufacturer of advanced underground construction machinery. Robbins TBMs made swift headway on many worldwide projects in the first half of 2016, and will continue this progress into 2017. Innovative concepts keep expanding the company’s scope, from efficient TBM assembly methods to high-performance machine designs resulting in landmark performances in soft ground and hard rock.

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Mining on Seattle's SR99 tunnel began in July of 2013. Initial mining progressed slowly through a 4.5 m (14.9-ft) thick fiber-reinforced concrete headwall before immediately entering the first of three planned safe havens. Once through the headwall and safe haven the machine would move through roughly 122 lineal m (400 ft) of jet grout improved soil at a rate of slightly more than 1.6 m/d (5.3 ftpd). It was anticipated that once mining has passed through the improved area, “Bertha” – now the world’s second largest tunnel boring machine (TBM), would be moving at a rate of almost 11 m/d (36 ftpd). By the end of October 2013, Bertha had mined roughly 131 m (430 ft), averaging 1.4 m/d (4.7 ftpd), and had begun mining within native soils. By the start of December 2013, tunneling had reached the 244 m (800 ft) mark and Bertha was averaging 3.6 m/d (11.9 ftpd), achieving as much as 12.8 m (42 ft) of progress on given days. Unfortunately, on Dec. 6th, 2013, Bertha began to stumble and all progress quickly came to a halt.

Initial reports stated an obstruction had stopped Bertha in her tracks. The preliminary investigation involved installation of 10 deep dewatering wells to reduce the hydrostatic pressure within the ground around the TBM, to allow the contractor’s personnel to inspect the cutter head from within and also to investigate for the presence of obstructions at the face of the cutter head. During inspection, the contractor’s crews found fragments of steel pipe entangled in the cutter head. The steel was apparently from an abandoned 254 mm (0.9 in.) diameter monitoring well casing, previously installed by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to monitor groundwater conditions for the

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across the face of the cutter head. Of the 18 holes drilled, six obstructions were found at depths between 17 to 24 m (55.9 to 78.8 ft) located between the top of the cutter head to near spring line). Small fragments of steel were found in several of these holes, and the drill casing was not able to be advanced beyond the obstruction. Malcolm Drilling Co. was then directed to drill 1.5 m (4.11 in.) diameter holes in four locations where the obstructions were encountered, to facilitate their removal. However, after these additional, larger exploratory holes were drilled, no additional steel fragments, nor obvious signs of apparent obstructions were encountered. All additional exploratory work was completed by late February 2014, and the alignment was then thought to be clear and ready for Bertha to continue moving forward. However, once the TBM was cleared to resume mining, and the cutter head started turning again, a much larger issue was discovered. The machine’s main bearing had been damaged so severely upon encountering the obstructions, it would need to be completely replaced. This would require a monumental effort, with the fast-track design and construction of a structure more than 36.6-m (120-ft) deep and more than 24 m (78.8 ft) in diameter; that would provide access to the TBM and allow the disassembly and removal of the entire cutter head.

Site constraints
Malcolm Drilling Co. was solicited to help with preliminary design and constructability of the access shaft required for the repair of the machine. Several obstacles had to be overcome in designing an access shaft that would work for this project. The primary constraint was space and access (Fig. 1). With the Puget Sound approximately 30.5 m (100 ft) to the west and the deteriorating Alaskan Way Viaduct (SR-99) immediately to the east within feet of the proposed access shaft location, there were severe “at grade” access restrictions. Also, previously installed under the main tunneling contract, 1.5 m (4.11 ft) diameter tangent piles, spaced 0.46 m (1.6 ft) from each other, ran along the east and west of the tunnel alignment. These piles were required for settlement mitigation during tunneling and to protect the existing viaduct.

FIG. 2
Access/recovery shaft layout - Note existing SR-99 footings, near bottom edge of drawing.

FIG. 3
Access/recovery shaft subsurface conditions.
addition, a very high water table, only 2.4 m (7.11 ft) below grade, needed to be cut off. And last, but not least, were the schedule implications for building something effective and quickly enough to get this major project back on track.

**Rescue shaft design**

Exact reasons for Bertha’s lack of progress has been the subject of much speculation, however one indisputable fact remained; the full cutter head and inner workings needed to be removed to facilitate a complete repair of the TBM. To accomplish this, a recovery shaft needed to be designed and installed immediately in front of the TBM to allow it to enter the shaft and provide access for repairs.

Having extensive experience with secant pile compression rings, Malcolm Drilling Co. recommended a circular access shaft comprised of over-lapping secant piles, which would provide excavation support, groundwater cut-off, and eliminate the need for horizontal anchors or braces thereby maximizing space for removal of the cutter head. The original design included 2.13 m (10.3 ft) diameter secant piles in a circular ring with jet grouting between the originally placed tangent piles. Moreover, jet grouting continued across the back of the machine to provide water cut-off for internal maintenance of the machine, as well as controlling water when the machine enters the access shaft.

Designed by Brierley and Associates, this option was put out to bid to select drilling contractors. Upon initial review of the design, Malcolm Drilling Co. suggested an alternate option; to install 3-m (9.84-ft) diameter drilled secant piles, thus requiring fewer secants and reducing the anticipated schedule. Once awarded the work, Malcolm Drilling Co. worked closely with Brierley in finalizing the design with the capabilities that could be brought to the project (Fig. 2).

**Subsurface conditions**

The south Seattle waterfront sits upon reclaimed lands comprised of decades of undocumented fills, debris, and various organic deposits. Within the upper reaches of the soil profile, numerous timber piles and railroad ties from buried trestles can be expected. The various fill deposits overlie soft and loose marine sediments that lie on top of glacial till at depths of 12 to 27 m (39 to 88 ft).

The complex glacial stratigraphy controls the nature of the groundwater flow. The permeabilities vary by orders of magnitude in adjacent stratigraphic units. Consequently, there are multiple perched groundwater-bearing layers and multiple piezometric surfaces along the proposed tunnel alignment.

Groundwater movement is governed by hydraulic
gradients, which may increase, or decrease with depth; downward gradients typical of upland areas, and upward gradients often observed in water-bearing units close to discharge points. Soil borings near the south portal, with multiple piezometers installed, indicated multiple piezometric surfaces with variations in groundwater levels of up to 3 m (9.84 ft); some indicated artesian pressures of up to 1.5 (4.11 ft) meters above the ground surface (Fig. 3). Tidal influence was also observed to affect the groundwater level within the area of the recovery shaft, with groundwater levels observed as shallow as 1.5 m (4.11 ft) below grade.

Consistent with the known subsurface conditions at this reach of the tunnel alignment, there was an abundance of wood debris within the upper fill zone. Relic deposits of wood, pulp and decayed organic matter would be routinely encountered in vast areas where little to no natural granular soils were detected.

Additional geotechnical investigation within the vicinity of the recovery shaft revealed a deep aquifer with direct communication to, and encompassing, the silt deposit that constitutes a majority of the soil plug within and beneath the proposed access shaft. In addition, the presence of several large voids were confirmed, some that required more than 420 m³ (459 cuft) of CDF to fill, and some that had been previously filled with large crushed rock by the contractor.

Drilled secant piles

The original design for the TBM launch pit included two parallel rows of drilled shafts, one to the east, and one to the west, of the proposed tunnel alignment. They were designed to prevent lateral soil movement adjacent to the tunnel, and mitigate potential surface settlement; they were referred to as South End Settlement Mitigation Plan (SESMP) piles. Please note, for the purpose of this discussion, the authors will use the terms “drilled shaft” and “pile” interchangeably, to refer to the deep foundation and earth support elements used to construct both the recovery shaft and the original TBM launch pit. To incorporate the existing SESMP piles into the access shaft, smaller 1-m (3.3-ft) diameter drilled shafts were constructed parallel to, and along the interior face of the existing SESMP piles. These drilled shafts help create a continuous outer wall along both the east and west sides of the access shaft, and to provide additional bearing capacity for the cap beams, required for support of the gantry crane. The work was completed with a Bauer BG-50 installing drilled shafts up to 40 m (131 ft) in depth. Once again there was difficulty with maintaining verticality that was specified to be within 152 mm at 40 m (5.9 in. at 131 ft), as checked with a SoniCaliper. The difficulty was a result of the concrete over-break of the existing SESMP piles (drilled shafts) and field adjustments had to be made to accommodate these issues. It was clear that the actual installation of the drilled shafts required to construct the access/recovery shaft was going to be significantly more challenging than designing it. Additionally, far more obstacles than anyone could have imagined during the planning and design phase were encountered. However, having the designer’s field representative on-site full-time provided the opportunity to quickly address challenges as they arose, allowing the project to move forward as quickly and efficiently as possible.

After the completion of the drilled shaft work, other equipment was mobilized to begin the large diameter work. Two spreads of equipment and crews began work
in mid-June with Liebherr dig cranes and Leffer oscillators and rotators to start the 2.5 m and 3 m (8.2 ft and 9.11) diameter secant piles included in the final Brierley design (Fig. 2). The work proved to be very difficult due to sequencing and the tight work areas on the job site (Fig. 4). The greatest assets to the project were the two Leffer rotators. These machines proved to be the most efficient at installing the piles on location, maintaining verticality, and with the highest rate of advancement as opposed to just using casing oscillators for advancement. In the end, the shaft work was complete by the end of August 2014, leaving only the remaining grouting and dewatering work to be constructed.

Jet grouting

Jet grouting was an integral part of the overall access/recovery shaft design. Jet grouting was required outside of the recovery shaft to provide a level of groundwater control at the machine “break-in,” the location the TBM will bore into the recovery shaft. The SESMP piles, constructed previously, as part of the work for the original launch of the TBM, were located on both the east and west sides of the tunnel alignment, and were enhanced with jet grouting to act as cutoff walls, (Fig. 2). These SESMP piles consisted of 1.5 m (4 ft) outside diameter drilled shafts, installed in two parallel lines, one to the east and one to the west of the proposed tunnel alignment. These drilled shafts were spaced approximately 1.9 m (6.3 ft) center to center, creating a gap of about 0.4 m (1.3 ft), requiring jet grouting to enclose the gap and provide groundwater cutoff. A transverse line of jet grout columns placed in secant fashion tied the two east/west cutoff walls together and encapsulated the TBM cutter head with the recovery shaft that was yet to be constructed.

Jet grouting between the existing SESMP piles would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible, due to the large amount of concrete over-break resulting from the poor soil conditions. Accordingly, each proposed jet grout column was pre-drilled with 152 mm (5.9 in.) tooling, clearing a space for the jet grout monitor and casing to reach the designed depth. Upon completion of jet grouting along the SESMP pile lines, jet grouting efforts continued with construction of a transverse grout curtain, or cutoff wall, behind the TBM tail shield. The purpose of the cutoff wall was to control groundwater during the critical phase of shaft “break-in,” as the TBM enters the access/recovery shaft.

SESMP piles were located only on the east and west walls of the access shaft. The soil between them needed to be grouted in order to create a complete and continuous wall to withstand the extreme loads required throughout the various stages of the work. However, continued dewatering, pressurizing of the TBM heading, and work within the tunnel horizon caused soil loss and changes to the subsurface conditions. This was first observed when a 420 m$^3$ (459 cuft) sinkhole appeared in front of Bertha shortly after she first stopped. This fact was further evidenced by removal of vast quantities of TBM soil conditioner during drilled shaft excavation, at horizontal distances greater than 24 m (78 ft) to the north east of the TBM cutter face. A dynamic environment materially different than the rest of the project site had been created over a very short time. Consequently, during drilled shaft construction sink holes manifested to existing grade, requiring evacuation of all heavy drilling equipment while the safety and stability of the working platform was assessed. After mass excavation and earthwork, a large volume of quarry spalls was imported to the site to create a safe and stable working platform, or mattress, for staging the drilling equipment. Subsequently, during the following drilled secant work, quarry spalls were carried
Dewatering

Once the grouting work was completed the installation of the remaining dewatering wells commenced in addition to further geotechnical investigations and installation of instrumentation. The geotechnical investigation showed that the silt plug in the bottom of the excavation, previously assumed impermeable and to function as an aquiclude, actually had vertical silty sand seams thereby raising concern that the shaft bottom had potential to heave. This new obstacle was overcome by enhancing the current dewatering design. The current design was limited to eight wells at 47 m (154 ft) in depth. To eliminate this potential bottom heave condition, eight more wells, four at 47 m (154 ft) in depth and four more at 62.5 m (205 ft) in depth, were installed to depressurize the bottom plug for the final state of the excavation.

Prior to advancing the TBM into the access/recovery shaft, Malcolm was asked to install two horizontal drains, from within the access shaft, to relieve hydrostatic pressure behind the secant pile wall. The 15.25-m (50-ft) long drains were installed working from on top of the upper horizontal surface of the concrete cradle that was constructed in the bottom of the shaft to support Bertha upon entry, (Fig. 6). The horizontal drains were comprised of 7.6 m (24 ft) of pre-pack PVC well screen, and 7.6 m (24 ft) of solid PVC pipe. The pre-pack well screen consists of a 152 mm (5.9 in.) diameter outer and 51 mm (2 in.) diameter inner slotted PVC well screen with filter sand in the annular space. One drain was located on each side of the TBM, at roughly the lower quarter-points of the tunnel, extending parallel with the alignment (Fig. 5). An approximately 305 mm (12 in.) diameter hole was drilled through the secants and a 254 mm (10 in.) diameter pipe with a blow-out preventer (BOP) was installed at each location. The drains were installed within a 203 mm (8 in.) diameter borehole and equipped with a PVC ball valve to control flow.

Once the hydrostatic pressure surrounding the TBM was reduced to Elevation -85 (ft), essentially the elevation at which the horizontal drains were installed, the tunnel crew was given the approval to advance the damaged TBM forward, into the recovery shaft. However, prior to advancing into the recovery shaft, the perimeter of the anticipated penetration through the wall (of the recovery shaft) was pre-split with a long-reach, excavator-mounted hydraulic concrete breaker to minimize the efforts of the TBM.

Summary

The work to create this access/recovery shaft was a monumental effort requiring precise coordination from the best in all disciplines and utilization of the most state-of-the-art foundation drilling equipment. There were many obstacles to overcome, as is the case in most emergency jobs, which required problem-solving “on the fly” to accomplish this monumental task within the extremely limited time available. A broad range of geotechnical construction techniques were required for the construction of the TBM recovery shaft on the SR 99 tunnel. Difficult ground conditions along with a condensed work schedule contributed to the complexity of the work. Moreover, a highly “dynamic” underground environment created by TBM operation and maintenance, site preparation work and maintenance, and dewatering, added unforeseen challenges. State-of-the-art specialty foundation equipment was mobilized, which worked concurrently with Leffer casing rotators and oscillators, and Liebherr duty cycle dig cranes. Other applications included various jet grouting and dewatering scopes completed both at grade and from within the shaft excavation. This work tested the capabilities of existing equipment, pushing them to (and beyond) their previous benchmarks, and in doing so has defined new limits for secant shaft construction.

At the current time, repairs to “Bertha” are complete, she has been reassembled within the recovery shaft, and has advanced a few feet, to allow for evaluation of her recent repairs and ensure no further repairs are required. The present schedule calls for her to re-commence mining operations within the coming days and potentially complete the 2.4 km drive by January 2017.
The International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) held its 42nd General Assembly along with the 2016 World Tunnel Congress (WTC) April 22-28 in San Francisco, CA. The event was co-organized by the Underground Construction Association of SME (UCA). This was the first time the event has been held in the United States in 20 years.

As cities demonstrate strong needs in tunnels and underground spaces for public transportation, subway stations, hydroelectric infrastructures and other underground infrastructure needs, the WTC 2016 provided the 2,319 attendees from around the world a unique occasion to discover the latest state-of-the art innovations in urban planning and underground construction projects in the United States and worldwide.

The Congress, held in lieu of the UCA’s North American Tunneling Conference, included an exhibit that attracted 226 exhibitors in 298 booths. The exhibit had on display the latest in technical equipment and services from some of the largest and best companies in the international tunneling industry. The exhibit hall was also the place where participants were able to interact with the authors of the 168 posters and receive answers to various topics directly concerning civil engineers: innovative procurement processes, cost and risk management, contractual methods, BIM technologies and examples of innovative underground infrastructures built worldwide. And the technical program included 353 technical presentations – 185 podium and 168 posters.

What is ITA?
ITA-AITES is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that promotes greater use of underground space as a key instrument in sustainable development. Established in 1974 and based in Lausanne, Switzerland, ITA-AITES is made up thousands of professionals involved in the tunnel and underground space industry, including engineers, project owners, town planners, architects, industrial designers, companies specialized in public works and major structures, suppliers of construction site facilities and equipment, lawyers, politicians, researchers and academics, economists, financial experts and other stakeholders.

ITA-AITES consists of 73 member nations and 300 affiliated members, including 15 major sponsors and 60 donors. The association is run by an executive council made up of 15 members elected by the 73 member nations, each representing a different dimension of the tunnel community.

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During WTC 2016, the ITA 73-member Council held its General Assembly.
the great strengths of ITA-AITES lies in the synergy created by its 20,000 international experts. These experts from internationally renowned universities and the tunnel industry share their experience at conferences and meetings organized by ITA or its member nations. Researchers share the latest scientific studies with the professionals in the industrial sector of tunnels and underground space. Conversely, industry players keep the researchers abreast of the new cutting-edge technologies in the sector and the fieldwork being carried out.

ITA technical program

This year, participants gathered around several strategic questions raised by countries: How are cities coping with climate change pressures, a few months after the COP21 negotiations in Paris? How could they improve their networks of mobility and, at the same time, develop green and pedestrian areas above ground? What will the urban planning of the future be? What is the future of material freight? In what way can high technologies in tunnels and underground spaces contribute to the development of smart cities? The international tunneling industry has many responses to address these challenges, and the ITA, along with the UCA of SME, offered the attendees a large panel of several high profile technical sessions and poster presentations to address these questions.

Pauli Arenram, chair of the Committee on New Technologies within the ITA, expressed his satisfaction regarding the value of the exchanges “New digital technologies have definitely reached the tunneling industry,” he said. “There is a growing need for safer and more reliable systems that communicate, deal with and report large data in an actionable format to the stakeholders from the investigation phase of tunneling projects, during the construction and the tunnel operation phase. These ITA tech sessions were a great opportunity to find precious answers to the questions and challenges of our industry.”

One session was dedicated to the recent exploitation of the Internet of Things (IoT) by the tunneling industry. A representative of SIGMA Connectivity offered an interesting perspective of the future IoT developments. He pointed out that two strategic shifts would greatly influence the tunneling industry: the connection of digital technologies with industrial products and logistics and the development of easy-to-use IoT enablers that will drive higher volumes of data and considerably reduce the costs of this revolutionary technology.

Another session was held by the ITA Committee for Underground Space (ITACUS). The discussions focused on the international urban agenda, in which the United Nations (U.N.), through their Habitat Program, takes a part. As other U.N. consultative members involved in urban development, the ITACUS, through the World Urban Campaign, is in charge of proposing new solutions to imagine sustainable cities. Through this open session, the ITACUS developed new insights about the role that underground freight networks could take. The Hyperloop technologies were also discussed, as well as CargoCheck Systems, in order to help stakeholders in port areas become aware of the relevance of urban underground freight systems. “During the session, we also heard a presentation on the possibilities of mixed-use tunnels and the implications this could have,” Han Admiraal, chair of ITACUS, said.

Rather than building a tunnel for just one use, the future could bring urban network providers underground spaces to be used by multiple parties. Urban system integrators would bring these parties together to ensure that the underground space is used in an efficient way. In the future, metro systems will not only move people, they will also be able to move cargo and to carry cables that are essential to modern societies. Furthermore, they could be producing energy for the city beneath which they operate, he said.

UCA of SME technical program

In addition to the ITA technical programming, the UCA also provided WTC attendees its own program. Proceedings from the UCA program are available from UCA of SME, www.smenet.org. Here is a sampling.
Performance of macro synthetic fiber-reinforced tunnel lining. Macro synthetic fiber-reinforced concrete or shotcrete is seen by many design engineers as offering a viable alternative to steel reinforcement in tunnel linings. The technology is now commonplace for primary and permanent ground support in mining and civil tunnel applications. The use of macro synthetic fiber offers innovative solutions, yielding robust and sustainable tunnel lining designs.

Detailed fire safety design of subways for arson – initiated design fires – innovation, coordination and implementation. To protect public safety in the event of a deliberate fire attack, underground rail authorities are increasingly considering the need to design for arson-initiated fire scenarios. Where typical design for fires for modern rolling stock means a peak fire size is reached after 12 minutes, an arson-initiated fire reaches its peak in two to three minutes. The authors presented the innovations required to successfully incorporate this requirement on a recent design-build project.

The Norsborg metro depot – Case study of a modern urban development in Stockholm. Construction of large facilities underground in urban areas has many advantages. The Norsborg metro depot will be the largest and most modern underground metro depot in northern Europe. This depot has been built in hard rock in an urban area with small impact on the environment and residents. This paper describes how it is possible to build underground facilities in a cost-efficient way and take care of the challenges that come with locating a permanent working place underground.

Squeezing ground: Conditions and lessons learned at the New Irvington Tunnel. Excavation and initial support of the New Irvington Tunnel presented significant challenges including rapidly changing ground conditions, heavy ground loads and squeezing. Such behaviors were anticipated from historic tunneling records of the adjacent existing Irvington Tunnel. Extensive site investigation provided a clearer understanding of their actual extent and causes and has resulted from convergence measurements, observations of ground behavior, initial support monitoring and detailed geologic mapping. Time-dependent movements, documented hours to months after excavation in clay-rich rock and moderately to intensely fractured rock identified squeezing areas, allowed classification by currently used predictive methods and added to the list of lessons learned in tunneling in such ground.

An advanced shaft construction method to install 10 ventilation shafts, as applied in the Naples metro project. This paper deals with an innovative mechanized method to bore and simultaneously line circular shafts, adopted in the Naples metro project for the installation of 10 vertical shafts for ventilation purposes. With this method, the excavation of shafts is carried out under a positive head of stabilizing fluid by a milling machine, temporarily set at the bottom of a permanent lining made of precast segment rings.

A case history: Convergence in a shear zone at Devil’s Slide. During the excavation of the northbound tunnel of the Devil’s Slide Tunnel project, deformation (convergence) was measured after passing through fault zone B. The tunnel convergence was not symmetrical, but was larger on the left side of the profile. It was determined that a shear zone nearly parallel with the tunnel drive was contributing to the uneven deformation. This paper discusses how it was determined that the shear zone existed and how multipoint borehole extensometers were used to verify that a significant amount of the deformation was occurring due to movement along the shear zone as the excavation advanced. The paper also considers the methods that were used to ultimately control and stabilize the deformation.
Coming Events

**Tunneling Fundamentals, Practice and Innovations**
June 20-23, 2016
The Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO
website: csmspace.com/events/tunneling

**Cutting Edge: Advances in Tunneling Technology**
Nov. 6-9, 2016
The Concourse Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, CA, USA
website: smenet.org/full-calendar

**2017 George A. Fox Conference**
Jan. 24, 2017
Graduate Center City University of New York
365 Fifth Ave. New York, NY, USA
website: smenet.org/full-calendar

**2017 RETC**
June 4-7, 2017
Hyatt Grand Manchester, San Diego, CA
1 Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101
website: smenet.org/full-calendar

For additional information contact: Meetings Department, SME, phone 800-763-3132, 303-948-4200, fax 303-979-4361, email sme@smenet.org, http://www.smenet.org/full-calendar

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UCA awards WTC scholarships

The mission of UCA of SME is to promote the responsible development and use of underground space and facilities, and to provide critical industry and technical knowledge, educational and professional development opportunities for practitioners around the world.

During the WTC 2016 conference, the UCA of SME Young Members Committee presented 47 scholarships totaling $70,000 in cash and benefits to promising college students who desire to develop their skills and are seeking a career in the underground construction and tunneling industry. Scholarships included full registration to the WTC 2016 conference, attendance at the welcoming reception and special networking events, plus a one-year student membership to the UCA of SME.

Attendance Scholarships were presented to 43 recipients who received travel assistance to the conference in addition to their registration and membership fees. Travel assistance included airfare, lodging, transportation and meals up to $1,000.

Thank you note
Juan Jose Monsalve, Universidad Nacional de Colombia – Medellin, expressed his thanks for his attendance scholarship in a letter to SME.

“I have learned in my life that you have to take advantage of each opportunity you have. I have also learned that you have to thank all people that help you, in one way or another to make your dreams reality. That’s the reason why I would like to thank SME and the UCA of the SME through the UCA Young Members group for the opportunity they gave me to attend the World Tunnel Congress in San Francisco. This has been one of my best life experiences, since it gave me the opportunity to be involved with an industry for which I am really passionate. I would also like to acknowledge Mona Vandervoort (SME staff); she is such a lovely person and a great friend of mine.”

Conference scholarships
Additionally, four Conference Scholarships of $5,000 each were presented to Michael Kennedy, University of California, Berkeley, Yuanli Wu, Colorado School of Mines, Maxwell Engen, Colorado School of Mines and Adam Reinbold, Colorado School of Mines.

YUANLI WU is pursuing a Ph.D. at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. She is the president for the UCA of SME Student Chapter at CSM. Her Ph.D. research focuses on soil conditioning in earth pressure balance-tunnel boring machine tunneling, especially the experimental investigation of the soil-foam interaction behavior under pressure. She received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the China University of Geosciences.

MAX ENGEN received a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and is pursuing a master’s degree in underground construction and tunneling from the Colorado School of Mines. While finishing his degree, Engen is employed as a field engineer with J.F. Shea Construction working for the Shea-Kiewit joint venture on the Indianapolis Deep Rock tunnel system in Indianapolis, IN.

ADAM REINBOLD had more than six years of industry experience in heavy civil construction and geotechnical consulting before he enrolled in the Colorado School of Mines’ Underground Construction & Tunneling program. His passion for tunneling, particularly urban tunneling, was piqued by attending tunneling...
short courses at the Colorado School of Mines and the UCA of SME Cutting Edge Conference in Denver, CO. Reinbold is a licensed P.E. in Utah and Texas. He began full-time employment with Traylor Bros. in its Long Beach, CA office in May 2016 and will complete his master’s degree in Underground Construction & Tunneling in December 2016. His goal is to continue to develop his technical knowledge base as a tunnel engineer with special interest in large subway/metro rail or water/wastewater projects. Eventually he desires to expand into project management and/or business development roles.

MICHAEL H. KENNEDY is a graduate student in civil/geotechnical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. He received a B.S. in civil engineering, summa cum laude, from California Polytechnic State University. Kennedy has worked as an intern and field technician for Construction Testing and Engineering in Sacramento, CA and for Schlumberger Consulting Engineers in Mount Shasta, CA. He is a member of the Engineers Without Borders Malawi Team and the Society of Civil Engi-

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PERSONAL NEWS

LUCY WU, PE, has joined HNTB Corp. as senior tunnel and geotechnical engineer based in the firm’s Oakland, CA office. In her new position, she is working as a geotechnical project engineer for the California High-Speed Rail project from San Francisco to San Jose and Merced. She has previously worked on the Transbay Transit Center and the BART Warm Springs Extension. Wu will also be involved in preliminary engineering and design preparation of the tunnels through the Pacheco Pass.

JACOB SWANSON has joined Avanti International as its Midwest regional manager. Swanson has more than 10 years of experience in injection grouting for BDA & Associates and Structural Group — including Structural Specialty Contracting and Pullman. As an expert injection specialist of acrylics, polyurethane and cementitious grouts, his past responsibilities have included the positions of crew chief, project manager, and liaison for engineers and owners.

NEW MEDIA

World Tunnel Congress 2016 proceedings

Written by international experts in their field, the World Tunnel Congress 2016 Proceedings is a collection of technical and academic papers presented at the World Tunnel Congress April 22-28, 2016 in San Francisco, CA, USA. The collection of papers addresses all relevant tunneling topics, including:

- Safety in design and construction.
- SEM and caverns.
- Underground support — controlling the ground.
- Tunneling advances through innovation.
- Case histories and difficult ground.
- Instrumentation and monitoring.
- Complex projects in rock and related technology.
- Tunnel interactions with ground and structures.
- Soft ground — TBMs and microtunneling.
- Planning, finance, and site investigations.
- Risk management and contracting practices.
- Ground improvement and shafts and more.
ABC Industries celebrates 90 years

ABC Industries, a leading manufacturer of industrial ventilation and fabric products, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016. What began with a single product has transformed into a robust line of industrial ventilation products and high-quality industrial textile fabrics.

Demanding mine and tunnel ventilation applications require high-quality, reliable ducting that performs in extreme underground conditions. MineDuct wire-reinforced ducting is made of premium PVC fabric for positive and negative pressure applications. Durable sewn construction and heavy-duty wear strips allow MineDuct to withstand continuous use in the harshest environments. ABC’s RipStop substrate technology makes maintenance quick and easy by preventing tears from expanding.

MineVent’s collapsible, lay-flat blower ducting (positive pressure) features 100 percent welded construction that eliminates air loss and weakening associated with conventional sewn ducting. Standard and custom-end finishes provide numerous installation possibilities. MineVent with RipStop prevents small tears from expanding into gaping holes.

ABC also offers a variety of made-to-order curtains and temporary stoppings for mine and tunnel applications using brattice fabrics.

www.abc-industries.net

Sandvik DT912D offers intelligent efficiency to underground excavation

Sandvik Construction is introducing a new tunneling jumbo — the DT912D. Designed especially for limestone applications, the high-reach, single-boom jumbo is completely self-contained.

It is powered with a fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly Cummins Tier 4 final diesel engine and equipped with onboard compressor and 1,000-L (265-gal) water tank for air-mist flushing. The new, intelligent, state-of-the-art control system brings high quality and increased productivity to both tunneling and underground mine production.

The DT912D is designed for fast and accurate drifting and production drilling of 12 to 125 m² (130 to 1,345 sq ft) cross sections and features a 25-kW (33.5-hp), high-frequency RD525 rock drill. The DT912D offers rapid, safe and balanced trammimg thanks to its powerful, 4-wheel-drive center-articulated carrier.

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