



# Contractors Mechanical Plant Engineers

## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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### CMPE NEWS

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

A new year is now upon us. Your National Chairman and National Officers wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. As we head into 2022 it is looking more like we are going to have to learn to live with Covid. It is not going away any time soon and with more and more people being vaccinated now, and many who have already caught the virus now having the antibodies, the time is right to do just that. Obviously we must still be careful in what we do and where we go and wear our masks in enclosed areas, but life has to move on as best we can with restrictions being down to a minimum.

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#### **NATIONAL OFFICER VACANCY**

A vacancy has arisen for a Public Relations & Marketing Executive due to Gerry Bingham standing down from this position in May of this year. Nominations for this position are now being sought to enable the successful candidate to work alongside Gerry until he steps down at the May National Council Meeting.

All nominations are to be forwarded to:-

the National Secretary, John Robinson,

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## Industry News

### Groundforce goes online for attachment hire

VP subsidiary Groundforce has launched what it claims is the UK's first e-commerce site for excavator attachments.



Groundforce Attachments offers customers the ability to hire excavator attachments online at any time of the day or night. Many attachments are available for next-day delivery when ordered before 3 pm.

Groundforce Attachments director James Burchell said: "The launch of our e-commerce capability is testament to our commitment to the continuous development of our business by actively promoting innovations in technology as the market demands."

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### Liebherr refreshes compact loaders

Liebherr has overhauled its compact loader series and added a third model, at the smaller end of the family.

The Liebherr L 506 and L 508 loaders, weighing 5 and 5.7 tonnes respectively, have been overhauled. They are now available in Speeder versions and High Lift lift arms are available as an option.

And now there is a 4.6-tonne model, the L 504.

The L 508 is pictured at the right of this page; the L 504 is at the bottom.

Liebherr first launched these compact loaders in 2013. The update includes a redesigned operator's cab, with more glass than ever – right down to the foot well – to give an unobstructed view of lift arms and attachments.



The rear screen is curved at the sides, for an unobstructed view behind, although a reversing camera is also available as an option.



Due to customer demand, the L 506 and L 508 models are now available as Speeder variants, able to reach a top speed of 30 km/h.

As is the case for the L 504, the machine height of the L 506 remains under 2.5 metres, making it easy to transport on a trailer. The new L 508 has become larger and wider, with a 3,900kg tipping load.



## Doosan to re-badge Tobroco-Giant loaders

Doosan Infracore Europe has signed an exclusive supply agreement with Tobroco-Giant, a Dutch manufacturer of compact wheeled loaders.

Under the deal, selected compact wheel loader models will be manufactured by Tobroco-Giant and be sold under the Doosan name, in Doosan orange, through the Korean company's European dealer network.

Doosan Infracore Europe chief executive Chris Jeong said: "Doosan Infracore is constantly looking at improving and extending the product offering from the company, to ensure our customers have the most innovative and competitive solutions for their needs. With Tobroco-Giant, we have a partner with long-standing experience and a high-performing range of compact wheel loaders."



Tobroco-Giant chief executive Toine Brock added: "This new partnership with Doosan Infracore Europe is the next milestone in the growth of our company. Doosan is well known for their innovative products and customer service, which is a great fit for Tobroco-Giant."



Doosan will introduce the first models to be supplied under the new agreement in the weight category from 3,500 to 5,000 kg in 2022. Overall, the new partnership covers a total of five loader models, which will be distributed across all of Europe.



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## Premium Red Yanmar CE livery goes global

Yanmar Compact Equipment has extended the Premium Red livery across its machines worldwide.

The red colour scheme was introduced in North America in 2020 and has now been extended to Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia, Oceania, Latin America and Japan.

The company said the new livery, replacing the previous yellow, brings its compact machines in line with Yanmar Group's corporate design and reflects its forward strategy.



**Yanmar's prototype SV17e mini excavator.**

CEO Giuliano Parodi said it denoted the company’s goal “to become the world leader in compact equipment and, with the support of our commercial partners, to deliver sustainable business solutions for our customers and the companies in which they operate.”

“With Premium Red, we are sending a clear signal that we are a company with a clear product strategy. In doing so, our transformation goes far beyond our machines: we are challenging our entire way of thinking and working to further transform our products, our business and our brand to create even greater value for our customers.”

Elsie De Nys, Global Director Channel and Brand Development, said, “It is our ambition to lead not only in machines, but also in customer experience. And we’re working diligently to be close to our customers to find new and innovative ways to deliver value to them.”

Yanmar CE is currently testing alternative fuel and propulsion technologies, including the recently released **prototype electric mini-excavator, the SV17e**, targeted at the European market in the 1.5 to 2.0 ton segment.

“Our prototype is of great importance because it proves that we can also move into the field of electrification with the quality and reliability of our renowned conventional engine technology,” said Cedric Durand, Director Product Management EMEA.





## Doosan Infracore appoints new UK dealer

Doosan Infracore Europe has appointed Blue Machinery Central Ltd (Blue Central) as its new authorised dealer for North Wales and the North-West of England.



From left to right – Steve Edwards, Blue Central Aftersales Manager and Sean McGeary, Blue Central Sales Director

Blue Central, which is based in Northwich in Cheshire, employs over 110 factory-trained service engineers and specialises in equipment for the material processing and handling equipment for the quarrying, demolition, recycling, port and energy sectors.

Its new partnership with Doosan will see it provide both sales and servicing support for Doosan's wheeled loaders, crawler, wheeled and mini/midi excavators, and for its articulated dump trucks and attachment ranges.

Sean McGeary, Sales Director at Blue Central, said, "We are very excited to introduce the Doosan product range to our supplier portfolio. We recognise the significant market share that Doosan has in the region and feel that the range complements our existing suppliers and helps us complete the product offering for our clients."

“The Doosan range spans all our existing industry sectors from construction and demolition and quarrying and earthmoving to recycling and scrap handling as well as ports, rail and plant hire.”

Blue Central, which covers the local areas of Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside (including the Wirral), Cheshire, North Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham and the Islands of Anglesey and the Isle of Man, will offer companies on-site services ranging from routine maintenance to emergency repairs.

The company’s appointment as Doosan’s authorised dealer has spurred it to invest in an additional 4-acre facility in Nantwich, which will act as its dedicated depot for Doosan equipment and parts.

“Blue Central has also expanded its workforce to help support the Doosan brand with the addition of a new operations team and sales representatives,” added Doosan, which has provided Blue Central’s engineers with “specific diagnostic tooling and equipment”.

Kim Dudley, Doosan Regional Manager for UK-North and Nordics, said, “We are delighted to appoint Blue Central as our new Authorised Dealer for North-West England and North Wales.

“As a new Doosan dealer, Blue Central combines excellent product and sales expertise with very strong aftermarket and parts support for Doosan equipment customers in the region.

“With all the new developments in our product ranges we launched last year together with many more to come this year, 2022 promises to be an exciting year.”



## **Colas wins £328m West Midlands highways term**

National Highways has awarded a £328m contract to Colas to look after trunk roads and motorways across the West Midlands.

The eight-year contract starts on 1st July 2022 and covers Shropshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire and part of Gloucestershire as well as the West Midlands – Area 9 in National Highways’ jargon.





Colas will carry out routine maintenance, repair defects, respond to emergency incidents and provide severe weather services on some of the region's busiest routes, including the M6, M42 and M54.

The area Colas will be maintaining covers around 2,300 miles (3,760 km) of motorway and trunk roads.

It was previously looked after by Kier.



## **'Green' kerbs to be installed for London's super sewer**

UK construction company Tideway is to use over a kilometre of 'green' kerb units on London's new Thames Tideway Tunnel.



The company recently contracted materials manufacturer Dura Products to provide its sustainable Durakerb units for the project, which aims to upgrade London's sewer system with the construction of the new 25km sewer tunnel.

Made from 88% recycled polymers, the Durakerb units are described as an "environmentally friendly". Tideway chose to use the product as part of its "commitment to green construction" and sustainability.

more sustainable alternative than its concrete counterpart, as well as being safer, faster, and easier to install," Dura Products said.

Commenting on the contract award, Steve Bennett, Managing Director of Dura Products, said, "More and more frequently, we are seeing construction companies opt for the green alternative, reflecting the industry's commitment to reducing its impact on our planet."

Bennett added, "It's particularly satisfying to be awarded a contract by a company that shares our ethos and are striving to make the world a greener place. We're looking forward to assisting them in their mission to prevent millions of tonnes of sewage from entering the river each year".



Dura, along with its partner drainage specialist Keyline Civil Specialists, will deliver the Durakerb product to the project's site at Barn Elms site, which is one of 24 active sights along the length of the River Thames.

Tideway - a consortium made up of Allianz, Amber Infrastructure, Dalmore Capital and DIF - will install the lightweight kerbstone along the site's main access route.

The site is said to be one of the greenest on the tunnel project, which is also known as London's 'super sewer', as it will intercept, store, and then transfer sewage waste away from the River Thames.

Designed to capture, store and then transfer "more than 95 per cent of the sewage spills that enter the river from city's Victorian sewer system", it is said the Thames Tideway Tunnel will significantly improve the water quality of the river, making it a much healthier environment for wildlife to survive and flourish.

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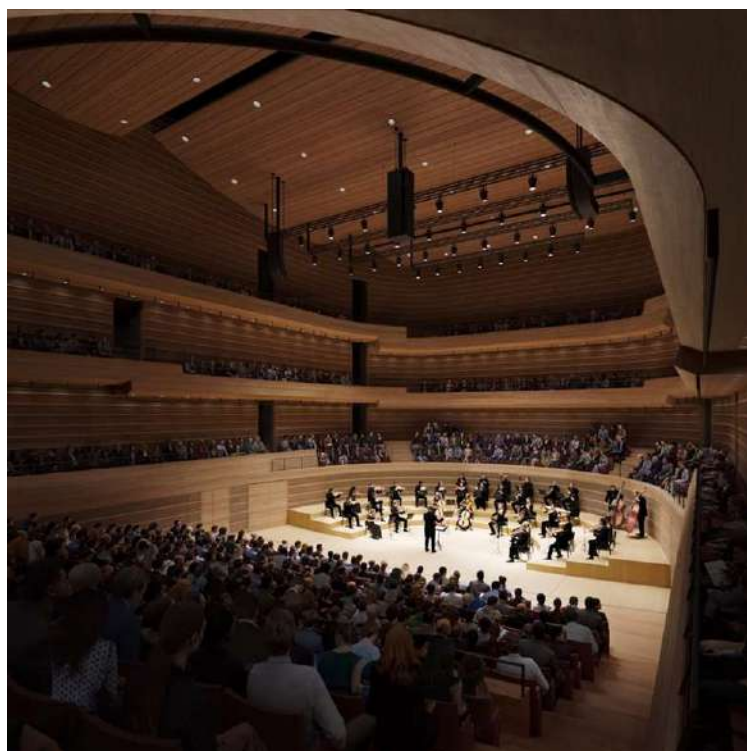
## Edinburgh council approves Dunard Centre plans

The city of Edinburgh has approved plans for the development of its first purpose-built music and performance venue.

The Dunard Centre has been green-lit by the Development and Management Sub Committee and will see the 1,000 capacity venue built just behind Dundas House off St Andrew Square.

The project is being delivered in partnership with Royal Bank of Scotland and is being funded through government contributions and the Dunard Fund.

Consultants Nagata Acoustics have been working with David Chipperfield Architects on the project's design. Nagata's previous projects include the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, the Philharmonie de Paris and the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg.



Part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, the new Dunard Centre aims to fill a gap in the region's cultural infrastructure and provide a platform for local, national and international musicians.

Fergus Linehan, festival director and CEO of Edinburgh International Festival and co-chair of IMPACT Scotland said, "The council's decision today is fantastic news for the city and for music in Scotland.

"Edinburgh is a city famous for its cultural life and home to world-renowned arts festivals which generate over £300 million for the Scottish economy, but it lags behind many other cities in its provision of cultural infrastructure which currently deters some artists from choosing to perform in the city.

"By creating a modern hall with outstanding facilities and acoustics, we are closing the recognised gap in the region's cultural infrastructure and helping to sustain Edinburgh's position as a leading cultural city against national and international competition. At the same time, we are creating a year-round cultural hub to offer a diverse range of performances and an extensive education and community outreach programme."

Back in August, following the release of the project's design, UK Government Minister for Scotland Iain Stewart said, "The Dunard Centre is an exciting prospect for Edinburgh's cultural landscape.

"These designs show the great potential for a new, dynamic creative space in the heart of the city.

"The UK Government is investing £10 million in this project as part of its £1.5 billion commitment to Region Deals across Scotland, helping communities everywhere to build back better from the pandemic."



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