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## CHARTER STEEL BUILDS NEW MELT SHOP

Ted Howard and Dan Lewis, Project Managers

In 2002, Charter Steel purchased the old American Steel and Wire property on East 49th Street in Cuyahoga Heights and is now in the process of constructing a new Melt Shop facility at the site. The shop will melt scrap steel and process it into new billet steel for use in the rolling mill. Charter provides and sells steel to manufactures of bearings, springs, valves, and a variety of industries.

Charter Steel has hired Lockwood Greene Engineering to design and construct the new melt shop facility and they are overseeing all phases of the construction of the project. Lockwood Greene is an engineering, design, and construction management firm that acts as

the owner's representative and provides support, management, and safety oversight of the various contractors working on the site.

In December of 2004, Independence Excavating was awarded the contract to demolish the existing foundations from the former steel facility on the northeast corner of the property. Over 25,000 cubic yards of concrete foundations were demolished and removed from the site; some were over 15 feet thick. In addition to the demolition, Independence undercut the building pad and imported material to provide a stable platform for the auger cast pile installation that would be the support for the building and equipment foundation new facility. *Continues on page 3, see "Charter Steel".*



## President's Message

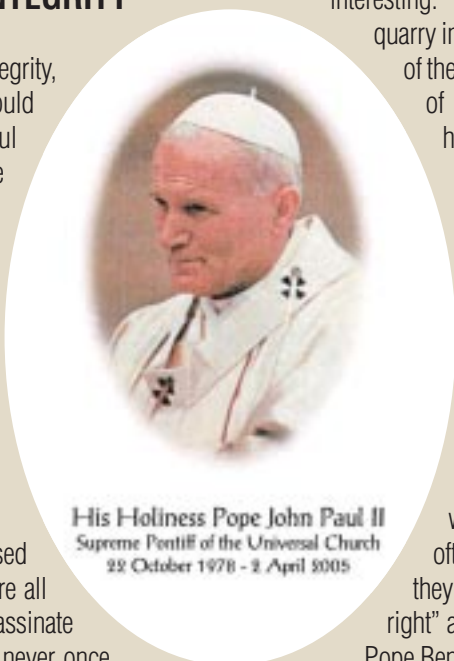
Vic DiGeronimo Sr.

### POPE JOHN PAUL II = QUALITY, INTEGRITY

Most of the articles I write mention quality, integrity, honesty, and hard work ethics. I thought I would dedicate this message in honor of Pope John Paul II, as he portrayed all of the philosophies we strive for, and for his concern for all people.

Pope John Paul exemplified kindness, compassion, and humbleness to everyone he came in contact with— every nation, religion and race in the world. When I mentioned to Sam Miller, of Forest City Enterprises, how supportive he was to the Jewish people, Sam said he was deeply honored to have visited with Pope John Paul on six different occasions and what a remarkable person he was.

Pope John Paul lived his life as he advised others. When it comes to forgiveness, as we are all taught, he forgave the man who attempted to assassinate him. He had so many qualities about him and never once varied from his views and beliefs, while maintaining a co-operative attitude with all those with whom he came in contact.



I read a biography on him a few years back, and it was very interesting. While he was attending school he worked in a rock quarry in Poland. A very strong, energetic person, he was one of their best employees. However, because of his high level of intelligence they often let him study during working hours, knowing that he would some day be a great leader.

Pope John Paul had a succession plan in place, just as most successful companies. We wish all the best of health and peace to Pope Benedict the XVI as he carries forward the duties of the most powerful leader in the world.

Just imagine what a great world it would be; if all nations and all people followed the example of honesty, integrity, and compassion for others as Pope John Paul II. What a wonderful world it would be. There were two statements that he often made, which I totally agree with and try to live by; they are part of the reason for our success.... "Do what is right" and "Don't be afraid".

Pope Benedict has already started the process for proclaiming Pope Paul a Saint, a well-deserved honor.

*Arrivederci!!*



### IN MEMORIAM:

The DiGeronimo Family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jim Alex who went with our Lord in May. We worked with Jim and the Alex Family many years ago when we were both starting our companies and operating equipment, driving trucks, and laboring.

Jim is the utmost example of honesty, quality and integrity, and we know the good Lord will have a special place for him.

Rest in peace, Partner.





## Charter Steel Builds New Melt Shop...continued from front page.


In February of 2005, Independence was awarded the contract to install the concrete foundations for the new building. More than 2,700 cubic yards of concrete has been placed on the new piles and grade walls to provide the foundation for the new building. Construction included over 2,000 feet of grade wall and 75 pile caps on the piers. Akron Erectors was contracted to furnish and install rebar for the foundations. This project was completed ahead of the expected schedule.

In April of 2005, Independence was awarded the contract to install the concrete foundations for the equipment inside the building. This work is currently being performed on site. The equipment foundations include more than 5,000 cubic yards of heavily reinforced concrete to support the massive equipment that will be placed on them. Several of the foundations were very deep with one extending down over 30 foot in close proximity to other existing building foundations. KLE Construction Company was contracted to furnish and install rebar for the equipment foundations. McKinney Drilling was contracted to install the soldier piles for the deep excavation. Independence is performing the installation of these difficult foundations by incorporating our various excavating, sheeting, engineering, and concrete skills to complete them safely and efficiently. Independence was also awarded the contract to install site utilities that

would support the new Melt Shop facility. The project is comprised of over 25,000 feet of utilities including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, waterline, electric duct bank, and various mechanical support piping such as contact water, emergency water, blow-down lines, etc. Schweizer Dipple was contracted to perform the installation of the mechanical utilities and Lake Erie Electric was contracted to install the various duct banks and grounding on site. We will be working in various areas at the same time with the utilities and some of the trenches will contain multiple utilities and be up to 18 feet wide and 12 feet deep.

The steel erector has started to raise the steel for the new building and the equipment that is to be installed inside the facility and will arrive soon. This makes the project fast-paced and time critical to avoid conflicts with other trades as they begin to arrive on-site. Independence currently has more than 35 employees on site and our subcontractors have another 45 on site at this time. Our work on this project has expanded from the initial demolition to the foundations and utilities; we could not be more pleased to perform construction for Charter Steel and Lockwood Greene on this project. Completion is scheduled for spring of 2006.





Precision removes  
bleachers over swimming  
pool in Cleveland State  
University's Fenn Tower.

## Precision Environmental/ProCUT Project

Tony DiGeronimo, President

It's hard to believe Precision has already reached the half-way point of 2005 already. We have another strong year in the making.

Our major jobs include Cleveland State Fenn Tower for Turner Construction, Steelyard Commons for B & B Wrecking and Great Lakes Construction, demolition of Westgate Shopping Center for The Richard E. Jacobs Group, and many other demanding projects.

ProCut has many jobs happening as well. One of the most interesting projects is the Martin Luther King Bridge in Toledo for National Engineering. The project consists of drilling 50 six-inch diameter holes as deep as 50 feet through the concrete backwalls of the existing drawbridge foundations to enable the new bridge construction.

We are also looking forward to establishing a strong business relationship with a new client on our first job for the Akron School District. It is our first project with one of the consulting pioneers in the asbestos industry, Dave Gandee. His firm is headquartered in Columbus and recently opened a new office in Akron.

Another new project we were chosen to perform is the dismantling of 15 stoves from the former Duquesne Steel Company in Pennsylvania. They are located on the property being renovated

by Regional Industrial Development Corporation of the Southwest Pennsylvania Growth Fund. Tom Zuchowski and John Savage proposed an acceptable abatement method that allowed the controlled removal of asbestos from these abandoned and structurally dilapidated obstacles. This is another example of Precision personnel combining their experience in both asbestos and demolition to meet the challenges of a difficult project.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our employees for their efforts to make the move to our new facility a success. Everyone kept up with their day-to-day activities along with enduring the interruptions and necessary inconveniences of the move. The facility looks to be a great answer to the need to have all Precision resources at one location. We believe this should help us to serve our clients efficiently for a long time to come.

Thanks to all our friends who were able to attend our open house. It was great for all our people to meet the faces of the voices we hear so often on the phone. For those unable to attend, please call us to visit. We will always make time to be with our friends.

Enjoy a safe summer!





## Completed Project

# Cleveland Clinic Foundation Garage Demolition

Mike Orlando, Project Manager

Independence Excavating, Inc. has recently completed another major step in the construction of the new Cleveland Clinic Heart Center, by demolishing the parking garage which flanked the east side of the Clinic's main entrance since 1975. The six-story precast concrete structure provided

nearly 1,500 parking spaces for Clinic personnel and patients and also housed a pharmacy, security command center, and operations staff office space. The demolition was accomplished while maintaining access to the main entrance of the hospital and afforded safe egress for clinic personnel and patients.

Utilizing the services of structural engineer Don Leinweber, a precise demolition plan was developed and presented to the construction manager, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, for review. During the early stages of demolition, Leinweber Engineering provided on-site observation and modifications to

the demolition plan as needed to accommodate actual field conditions. A combination of the Cat 385 and Cat 245 High Reach machines provided the safest means of demolishing the precast and cast-in-place elements of the structure.

With the exception of some drywall and miscellaneous construction debris in the finished areas of the building, all of the concrete, pre-stressing cables, reinforcing steel, guardrails, and masonry were processed on-site and dispatched for further processing and recycling. The entire structure was on the ground in less than 4 weeks, and substantially cleaned up in about 6 weeks.

This allowed for an early start of the mass excavation and site utility installation for the Heart Center that will occupy the footprint of the former garage and the balance of the main entrance.

All of the Independence Excavating on-site personnel are to be commended for completing this project safely and efficiently.





## New Projects

### Beachcliff Market Square

Location: Rocky River, Ohio  
Owner: Madison Marquette Realty  
Construction Manager: Duke Construction  
Start Date: May, 2005  
Completion Date: September, 2005  
Scope: Excavation of 12,000 cubic yards, installation of site utilities including 84-foot storm detention system, cast-in-place retaining wall, and backfill of foundation for future building.

### Charter Steel Machine Foundations

Location: Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio  
Owner: Charter Steel  
Construction Manager: Lockwood Greene  
Start Date: May, 2005  
Completion Date: September, 2005  
Scope: 5,000 cubic yards of heavily reinforced cast-in-place concrete, and shoring of a 30 foot deep cut.

### Charter Steel Sitework

Location: Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio  
Owner: Charter Steel  
Construction Manager: Lockwood Greene  
Start Date: May, 2005

Completion Date: August, 2005  
Scope: Installation of storm sewer, sanitary sewer, electric duct bank, mechanical utilities with combined piping of 20,000 linear feet, site grading, aggregate roads, and miscellaneous demo.

### Lakeview Bluffs

Location: Fairport Harbor, Ohio  
Owner: Hemisphere Corporation  
Construction Manager: Hull and Associates  
Start Date: May, 2005  
Completion Date: October, 2005  
Scope: Mass grading and placement of clean fill, on-site demo of utilities, concrete road demo, and placement of topsoil cap.

### ODOT – I-480 & Tiedeman Road

Location: Brooklyn and Cleveland, Ohio  
Owner: Ohio Department of Transportation  
Start date: July, 2005  
Completion date: October, 2005  
Scope: Removal of sediment and vegetation from the basin channel.

### Tinkers Creek Commerce Park

Location: Egbert Road, Bedford, Ohio  
Owner: Hemisphere Corporation  
Construction Manager: Hull and Associates  
Start Date: June, 2005  
Completion Date: December, 2005  
Scope: Site clearing, removal of impacted soils, removal of utilities, grading of site, installation of storm sewer, sanitary sewer and waterline, new concrete road, and installation of a new pumping station.

### Thomas Steel Strip

Location: Warren, Ohio  
Owner: Thomas Steel  
Start Date: June, 2005  
Completion Date: August, 2005  
Scope: Closure and impound of lagoons, import of 5,000 cubic yards of granular fill, 10,000 ton of 57 open hearth slag, and 5,000 cubic yards of topsoil.



## Current Crushing Projects

### ALLIED CORP. / SHELLY CO.

Cleveland, Ohio  
50,000 tons of asphalt crushing into 1/2" minus RAP material

### DIGERONIMO AGGREGATES, LLC

Independence, Ohio  
300,000 tons of 2" minus shale crushing

### FORT MYERS FACILITY

Ft. Myers, Florida  
50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### INDEPENDENCE FACILITY

Ft. Myers, Florida  
50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### INDEPENDENCE FACILITY

Independence, Ohio  
100,000 tons of ODOT #304 base material

### JACKSONVILLE FACILITY

Jacksonville, Florida  
250,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### LAKELAND FACILITY

Lakeland, Florida  
50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### OLEN CORP.

Wooster, Ohio  
300,000 tons of sand and gravel crushed into ODOT #304 base material

### ORLANDO FACILITY

Orlando, Florida  
200,000 tons of stone and base material

### PUNTA GORDA FACILITY

Punta Gorda, Florida  
20,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### STEIN/I.S.G. SLAG CRUSHING

ISG Mill, Cleveland, Ohio  
600,000 tons of slag crushed into #57, #8 and #10 stone

### TAMPA FACILITY

Tampa, Florida  
25,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### VALLEY VIEW FACILITY

Valley View, Ohio  
150,000 tons of #1's and #2's and #304 base material

### WALSH CONSTRUCTION

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
975,000 tons of sandstone crushing into various size base materials





## Completed Project

### Independence travels to West Virginia to make way for C-5's

Rick Lantz, Project Manager

Independence Excavating is nearing the completion of a project in Martinsburg, West Virginia at the Air National Guard 167th Airlift Wing. This project involved site and utility improvements to the runways in anticipation of a switch from the 350,000 pound C-130 Hercules planes to the 800,000 pound C-5 Galaxy planes next year. These amazing C-5 planes can carry all U.S. military equipment, including tanks, boats and planes and can transport troops around the world without refueling.

To date, we have completed the earthwork and utilities consisting of mass excavation of 175,000 CY of soil and blasted rock. The drilling and blasting of 140,000 CY of this material, presented unique challenges due the rock formation's specific subsurface orientation that is on a 45-degree plane with clay seams throughout the rock. This results in an inconsistent rollercoaster type subsurface.

We have installed approximately 35,000 linear feet of water, fire, sanitary, and storm sewer pipe. Some of the sanitary and storm lines presented similar challenges due to the depth of installation within the blasted subsurface rock.



We have installed approximately 10,000 linear feet of electrical duct bank encased in concrete. In addition, we have self-performed the complete installation of 9,500 linear feet of 6" gas line. We utilized our new fusion machine which uses intense heat and pressure to fuse the HDPE pipe together. This machine has the capability of fusing 3" to 8" HDPE pipe.

We are in the process of installing and grading the aggregate for the pavement, curbs, and sidewalks along with re-spreading topsoil. The only item left to be

completed is the demolition of the Air Control Tower which will be accomplished by September.

The success of this project was made possible through the working relationship with Colonel Bill Burkhart of The West Virginia Air National Guard and Clark Construction's project team consisting of Jesse Rice, Chris Vito, and Walter Hasenzahl. We would like to recognize our dedicated employees who spent many months out of town to complete this project including Superintendent John Percun, Forman John Beckman; as well as Trevor Tesmar, and Tim Zimmerman, and GPS Coordinator Todd Moyer, and Project Manager Jay Santa.

We hope to continue our relationship with WVANG and Clark Construction on future projects.



## What's Going On In Florida?

Greg Moro, Florida Operations Manager

Currently, we have six aggregate recycling yards located in the cities of Orlando, Tampa, Lakeland, Jacksonville, Fort Myers and Punta Gorda, Florida. At the Punta Gorda location we not only recycle aggregate, we also sell clean fill dirt from our pit located on site. At all yards combined, 712,000 tons of recycled aggregate was produced in 2004.

With all the growth in Florida, our mobile crushing crews are always on the go. We just finished crushing the old Westinghouse Ship Building Plant located on prime waterfront property to make room for Tampa Bay's newest high rise development. Getting ready for the 2009 Super Bowl, we are crushing the old Tampa Bay Mall located next to the Bucs stadium to make room for new hotels.

We currently have three mobile crushers traveling throughout Florida servicing our own yard locations and crushing for our customers.



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### SAVE THE DATE!...Sunday, August 21, 2005

The DiGeronimo Companies employee picnic will be held at Wiegand's Lake Park again this year from Noon to 6 p.m.. Reservation forms will be sent in paychecks shortly.

We hope you can make it!







## '05 ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

- 2 ROBERT & GLORIA BOLLINGER
- 3 SHAWN & CAROLINE ROBERTSON
- 8 BARON & RUTH WILLIAMS
- 8 RICHARD & JANET MILLER
- 8 GARRETT & LACHELLE WILLIAMS
- 9 MIKE & DEBORAH RIDER
- 10 GENNARO & LINDA NIRO
- 19 MICHAEL & SANDY GIMINO
- 20 JOHN & PAULA HARPER
- 21 VIC & LURLIE DIGERONIMO
- 24 RICH & HOLLY SCHIEFERSTEIN
- 27 VIC & DIANA DIGERONIMO
- 29 DOUGLAS & SHIRLENE BRYANT

### AUGUST

- 1 RICHARD & LISA PAVELECKY
- 5 TODD & AMY HOOVER
- 5 ED & AGGIE BUTLER
- 7 JERRY & ANN ROSEN
- 7 SERGIO & JULIE MAURETTI
- 12 ROBERT & CAROL KLING
- 15 TREVOR & JEN TESMER
- 20 JOSEPH & THERESA MARTIN
- 20 MICHAEL & CHRISTINE RIDER
- 24 LARRY & TERRI HROVAT
- 25 ANDREA & AL GALMARINI

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 ANDREW & TAMMY ROGERS
- 8 JOSEPH & BETTY RHINEHART
- 8 JOHN & TINA PERCUN
- 14 JASON & JENNIFER SMEZNIK
- 15 JEFFREY & DEBBIE JONES
- 18 DAN & TINA LEWIS
- 19 DENNIS & SANDY LASALVIA
- 19 SCOTT & CINDY COULTER
- 19 THEODORE & JILL CHUHA
- 21 SCOTT & CAROLINE RICKNER
- 25 DONNIE & FRANCIE DIGERONIMO
- 26 STAN & LINDA SKOCZEN
- 27 SCOTT & ROBIN RODGERS
- 28 TIMOTHY & JANICE GABEL
- 30 HOYE & SHIRLEY CARR

### OCTOBER

- 5 JOHN & MARGARET MULOIN
- 7 STEVEN & CATHERINE GOSSELIN
- 8 THOMAS & GINA BYRNE
- 10 WAYNE & AMY MELLINGER
- 10 SCOTT & ELLIE SHERMAN
- 13 BILL & PEGGY ORR
- 14 JOSEPH & CHRISTINE TRETINIK
- 15 STEVEN & CAROL SLANSKY
- 25 JOHN & RENEE FILLA
- 25 MALLORY & ELIZABETH JACKSON
- 27 DONALD & BEVERLY BARROWS
- 29 MICHAEL & RENEE ZAZ
- 30 KEVIN & SHEILA CONRAD
- 30 TIMOTHY & KAREN ZIMMERMAN

## '05 BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

- 1 ROBERT LAZAR
- 1 ANTHONY MCDANIEL
- 2 TERRENCE STEWART
- 3 JOHN BECKMAN
- 3 RONALD COSTANTINO
- 4 CHRIS SCHUERGER
- 5 JOSEPH MARTIN
- 5 GREGORY RIETH
- 6 SONYA MCNEELY
- 8 GREGORY FOTH
- 11 JIMMY IACAMPO
- 11 MARK SHAUGHNESSY
- 12 THOMAS NIXON
- 13 ROBERT BROWN
- 14 DEANA DIGERONIMO
- 16 ROBERT BOLLINGER
- 16 ANDREA GALMARINI
- 17 JOSEPH SAVAGE
- 18 MIKE MOLONEY
- 19 EDWARD VIZDOS
- 19 DEREK MASTERS
- 21 FRANCIS RODEBAUGH
- 21 MARK JOHNSTON
- 21 VICTOR EPELBAUM
- 23 SANDI CIELEC
- 24 LEROY KNIGHT JR.
- 24 EDWARD GILBERT
- 26 SCOTT SHERMAN
- 26 RICH WILK
- 26 JEFFREY JONES
- 27 RICK LANTZ
- 27 LISA PESTA
- 27 JOSEPH MAK SIN
- 28 BOBBY DIGERONIMO
- 29 MICHAEL BURNS
- 30 KENNETH MANN



### AUGUST

- 1 TREVOR TESMER
- 1 JOE DIGERONIMO
- 2 JOE LEOPOLD
- 2 JEFF WISNIEWSKI
- 2 ROGER KUHN
- 3 ERNEST GRIMES
- 3 GEORGE EXLINE
- 4 ROBERT JOHNSON JR.
- 5 DAVE BRONZA
- 5 SAMUEL FILLA
- 5 BILLY WHETZEL JR
- 7 THOMAS CRAMER
- 8 MATTHEW SLANSKY
- 8 MARK KUPRESANIN
- 9 MICHAEL GOSSELIN
- 9 JAMES WANCATA
- 10 MICHAEL GIMINO
- 14 DANIEL CAMELI
- 14 MATT GILLILAN
- 16 DANIEL BURDELL
- 17 MARK SLAVIK
- 19 MICHAEL SMITH
- 20 DON SAMPLE
- 22 JOHN VILD
- 22 LAWRENCE SMITH
- 25 DENNIS BIHUN
- 25 GENNARO NIRO
- 26 MATTHEW GILBERT
- 26 PETER GERACE
- 27 ANTHONY SMITH
- 27 ALLEN HENRY
- 28 RICHARD BOONE
- 28 MICHAEL HICKS
- 28 GARY GIBSON
- 28 STEVE SELF
- 29 JAMES BANKS
- 31 DAVE BEVAN

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 JASON VLACH
- 3 JASON SMEZNIK
- 4 ADAM HALL
- 5 BRANDON BRAZIS
- 5 JEROME KACZMAREK
- 5 STANLEY ROBINSON
- 5 NICOLE AVENI
- 7 BRIAN WALLACE
- 12 PAUL GIULITTO
- 12 TRACY WILEY
- 14 JEN GUINTO
- 14 ALAN BLOSE
- 16 DAVE STATEN
- 17 TIMOTHY BUTCHER
- 17 AUGUST NANNI
- 19 FREDRICK GARY
- 19 ROBERT DOWNING
- 20 WOODROW SORRENTINO
- 20 RICKY PIETROBONI
- 22 WILLIAM APRILE

- 22 ERNEST SANDERS
- 23 WAYNE MELLINGER
- 24 GRANT WILES
- 25 PATRICIA KASUNIC
- 25 RICH SCHIEFERSTEIN
- 25 SCOTT RODGERS
- 25 MARIA MORELLI
- 26 PETER SMEGA
- 27 WILLIAM SNEIDER
- 27 JOHN VANCE
- 27 RICH DIGERONIMO
- 29 BRIAN OSBORNE

### OCTOBER

- 1 RICHARD WOLF
- 2 DALE LANG
- 2 CHARLES HALL
- 2 THOMAS DUHON
- 4 RICHARD MILLER
- 9 RANDY SCHNEITER
- 9 STEVE WILK
- 13 NICK DIGERONIMO
- 13 ADAM COOKRO
- 14 KEVIN CONRAD
- 14 GREG DIGERONIMO
- 14 JEROME WARD
- 14 TOM STEBLINSKI
- 15 CRAIG WEBB
- 15 MALLORY JACKSON
- 17 AUDREY DVORAK
- 17 KEVIN DIGERONIMO
- 19 DON MAHNKE
- 20 PAUL BUCKNER
- 21 THOMAS BYRNE
- 21 JASON THROWER
- 21 MIKE WALSH
- 21 SCOTT RICKNER
- 24 WILLIAM SHONDELMYER
- 26 ROMANINO DIVINCENZO
- 27 CEDRIC BOWEN
- 28 JOHN HARRISON
- 28 ED WILK
- 28 FLOYD RYBICKI
- 28 JOHN FILLA
- 28 MICHAEL HARRELL
- 29 SCOTT PADGETT
- 31 THOMAS SUDETIC