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TWO YEARS OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CONCRETE INSTITUTE

As The Concrete Institute approaches its second anniversary of operations in May this year, MD Bryan Perrie, says support for the services of Institute - which rose from the ashes of the Cement and Concrete Institute thanks to the funding of major cement producers, Afrisam, Lafarge, and Sephaku - has been exceptionally gratifying.

“The demand for the training, consulting and advisory services, publications and dissemination of knowledge and reference works from our Information Centre, has been as strong as ever. I would say that to our target market – the building and civil engineering sectors – the Institute is now as vital to its operations as its predecessor was,” Perrie stated.

“Furthermore, The Concrete Institute is making good progress in its mission to broaden its member base, not only to other cement producers but also to building and construction bodies and relevant academic organisations to achieve greater cooperation among the various built environment industry players. We believe such a combined effort is essential for the promotion and unlocking of growth opportunities in South Africa,” he added.

The Concrete Institute was created on 2 May 2013 to continue providing independent, unbiased information, publications as well as accredited and internationally recognised training on concrete technology to the construction industry. The Institute is offering the following vital services previously offered by the C&CI:

- Education and training: With the skills challenges facing the industry, this is seen as an essential requirement for the future of a qualified and suitably skilled construction industry of the future. The Concrete Institute offers a wide range of internationally-recognised courses including Introduction to Concrete; Making Concrete Bricks and Blocks; Mortars, Plasters, Screeds and Masonry; Concrete Practice; Concrete Technology; Concrete Structures: Analysis & Design; Properties of Concrete for the Structural Designer and Constructor and the highly acclaimed Advanced Concrete Technology course.
- A comprehensive Information Centre: Inherited from the renowned C&CI facility, this is one of the largest and most respected sources of information on concrete in the southern hemisphere and is widely used by the industry and students as a valuable reference source for technical information. The information centre is equipped with state-of-the art computerised information systems and produces a number of valuable publications.
- Consulting: The Concrete Institute is providing invaluable advice on concrete-related issues, including on-site visits by technical staff.

“It has been two years of unqualified success. The Concrete Institute looks forward to providing the South African construction industry with much needed services and information for many more years to come,” Perrie adds.

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Caption:

The Concrete Institute's Information Centre has been entrusted with the sale of the Institute's first corporate golf shirts, available to all members of its fast-growing client base as well as students of the School of Concrete Technology. Members of the TCI staff in Midrand were pictured wearing the new casual corporate shirts. From left: Loré de Bernier, Rennisha Sewnarain, Agnes Ndlamlenze, Martha de Jager, Bongani Methula, Susan Battison, Eldene Magill, and Grace Barclay (at back).

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