

Hamilton Kent conducting gasket life expectancy research

Hamilton Kent is conducting research on life expectancy of gaskets in underground products and is seeking samples of gaskets obtained from older structures that are being replaced. The company is asking precasters to help with this research by sending samples of gaskets, or segments of gaskets, that have been obtained from excavation sites. Mail samples to: Olga Mokrous, Hamilton Kent, 740 Baxter Lane, Winchester, TN 37398. For more information, please call Mike Palmer at (416) 675-9873, ext. 252.

Smith-Midland welcomes director of Continuous Improvement

Smith-Midland Corp. of Midland, Va., has hired Chris Kemp as director



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of Continuous Improvement. His efforts will drive improvements in safety, quality, delivery and cost within the company.

Kemp brings multiple years of manufacturing experience to Smith-Midland including working as a safety coordinator and a production manager. Through projects and focused improvement groups, his goal is to work with Smith-Midland associates to make things work better. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Kansas

of Continuous Improvement. He will lead the company into the world of "lean" manufacturing – a term used to define streamlining – by focusing on process improvement and

State University, Manhattan, Kan., and served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Smith-Midland is a publicly traded company that develops, manufactures and sells a broad array of precast concrete products. For more information, call (540) 439-3266 or visit www.smithmidland.com.

Fabcon hires CFO

Fabcon, a manufacturer of structural fabricated concrete wall panels based in Savage, Minn., has hired Craig Wassenaar as chief financial officer.

Wassenaar has held finance and accounting positions in several industries,



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