

Looking for Alien Life?

NASA Comes to Bonny Doon to Practice Drilling

Before NASA takes their 'Mars Drill' to bore deep into the red planet's surface looking for signs of life, they came to CEMEX's Bonny Doon operations to perform field tests.

"Searching for life in the subsurface of Mars will require drilling, sample extraction and handling, and new technologies to find and identify biomarker compounds and search for living organisms," said Carol Stoker, principal investigator for the Mars Astrobiology Research and Technology Experiment.

The Davenport site made sense as a place where minimal extraction could be tested alongside "real-world" examples and drilling. The field tests in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and others in Spain, will help NASA engineers and scientists perfect their drilling, sample handling and instrument technologies. Eventually, NASA

hopes to use that equipment to search for signs of life like anaerobic bacteria in the subsurface of Mars.

The drill extracts 'core' samples to the surface that can reach ten feet in length, while operating with low power and no drilling fluids. That core is examined by a number of instruments on an automated 'Mars lander platform,' and the data is sent for analysis by a remote science team via satellite communications.



CEMEX Grows Partnership With Pacific School

BY LEA HARATANI, PACIFIC SCHOOLS TRUSTEE



Davenport's own Pacific Elementary School has had the privilege of enjoying a business partnership with CEMEX for nearly a decade. Ken Kannegaard, Administrative Supervisor for the CEMEX Davenport Plant, is a well-recognized smiling face at Pacific School: celebrating the holidays, monitoring recess, repainting graffiti, and assisting in a wide range of maintenance projects.

The Davenport plant also provides the school with reliable, facilities-based support. Principal Sharon Smith said "We can always count on CEMEX to help us in times of need," CEMEX's

partnership with Pacific School began in 1996 as the brainchild of CEMEX Vice President Satish Sheth, who has long recognized the value of community building. When the Davenport plant was purchased by RMC Pacific Materials, Inc. the property taxes were reassessed at millions less, lowering the local tax revenue local schools depend on. To help make up this difference, the plant provided seed money to establish an endowment fund to support school programs. In 2003, the endowment fund money was used to fund the music program for the school.

For his leadership in this effort, Mr. Sheth won the prestigious Ellen Baskin Award by Schools Plus and was recognized by the California State Senate in 1999.

Today, there are plans for a Pacific School kite-flying contest at CEMEX to celebrate "Clean Air Day" and the funding CEMEX is providing for the new Pacific School Library. The CEMEX and Pacific School partnership is making a difference in Davenport, guiding us into a brighter future and teaching our children the value of giving back to the community.

Safety

Award Winning Safety at CEMEX

Safety is a top priority at the CEMEX cement plant in Davenport. Our commitment to safety was acknowledged this year when Scott Renfrew, Process & Environmental Manager, accepted the 2004 Major Safety Improvement Award at this year's PCA 47th Annual Cement Industry Technical Conference in Kansas City. The award recognized the plant's marked improvement over the previous years and is just the first step toward the major milestone of receiving the coveted "1000 Day Award". In 2004, the 128 employees at the Davenport plant and Bonny Doon Quarry worked 282,592 hours. That



is an incredible amount of time to put in while expecting no one to get injured. At CEMEX we are able to accomplish this task day in and day out. "Working everyday safely is a 'first consideration' for each of the employees at the plant" says Ken Kannegaard, Plant Safety Supervisor. "We support each other in the decision to make our workplace safe." Millions of man hours are worked safe each year in the cement industry. We intend to do our part and to be counted among those who embrace the Portland Cement Association creed "Safety Follows Wisdom".

CEMEX and RMC Cementing the Deal

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce that RMC Pacific Materials is now a part of the CEMEX network of quality cement, aggregates and ready-mix concrete producers and distributors. CEMEX acquired the RMC Group, including its California operation Pacific Coast Materials, on March 1, 2005. This is an exciting time for us, as we strengthen the foundation of our company and explore new opportunities to expand our customer base and the global reach of our products. We have worked hard at Davenport to establish our name and a reputation as a provider of quality building materials, as a responsible environmental steward and as a good neighbor in Northern California. In CEMEX, we have found a partner that will advance all these qualities. CEMEX is committed to sustainable development, community involvement, environmental stewardship and economic prosperity.

All of us who work here appreciate that we are located in one of the most beautiful areas of Northern California and are subject to some of the most stringent environmental standards and production regulations. We have worked hard to employ the latest technology to meet environmental standards and, at the same time, remain competitive in today's global marketplace. As a part of CEMEX, we will have access to greater resources to help us meet those goals, and greater opportunities to participate in CEMEX's innovative environmental programs.

We at the Davenport plant take great pride in our tradition of community service. Our company is involved with Pacific School, Bonny Doon School and the community Fire Departments through maintenance assistance and financial contributions. We are also an integral part of the Davenport community providing raw water to the county for the town and recycling waste water effluent into the manufacturing process, as well as assisting Davenport Resource Center to carry out vital community projects. The Davenport operation has worked hard over the years to forge a sound relationship with the community. CEMEX has already encouraged us to further strengthen community involvement programs.

I understand that change can be perceived as difficult, and I want to assure you that we will continue to work for the same goals we always have, dedicated to our customers, employees and neighbors. We shall continue to produce quality products in a safe and efficient manner by employing state-of-the-art equipment with the utmost regard for the environment and the community around us.

Sincerely,

Satish Sheth



Name this Newsletter!

As we begin a new edition of our newsletter, we need a new name. You could win \$100 if your name suggestion is chosen! Anyone is welcome to enter, just send your name to CEMEX, attention "Newsletter Contest" at 700 Highway 1, Davenport, CA.

Community Updates

Bonny Doon Firehouse

As a part of our on-going partnership with the local Volunteer Fire Departments, CEMEX recently helped out at the Bonny Doon Firehouse. While the station was still under construction we were contacted for a donation, and worked out a great deal with a local cabinet maker. The firehouse's new cabinets really set off the new kitchen. CEMEX also supplied an aluminum flag pole for the fire house, so our local firefighters can fly Old Glory with pride.



The Flagpole goes up at Bonny Doon Firehouse

Davenport Resource Center

CEMEX is providing fund to the Davenport Resource Service Center (DRSC) to support their Children's Summer Program. This program predominately serves the children of the area's migrant farm workers, offering them an array of fun summer activities from amusement park trips to weekly library visits.

Children Dancing at the DRSC



Community

Employees Celebrate Silver Anniversary

We at the Davenport Plant pride ourselves on being the type of place where employees like to stick around. This certainly is in the case of our employees who celebrated 25 years of working here in Davenport this year. On Flag Day, June 14th, we gathered together on the front lawn of the plant to raise the flag and recognize employees who have been with us since 1980. Tom Gibbons, Plant Manager, announced each worker by name, presented them with a watch. This year's 25 year anniversary workers are:

- Charles Stinson, Electronic Electrician
- Oswaldo (Wally) Correa-Gonzalez
Maintenance Working Foreman
- Lloyd (Tony) Schillinger, Mobile Crane
- Robert J. Vajretti, Maintenance Working Foreman
- David V. Kiegelis, Control Room Operator
- Duane W. Dietz, Physical Tester
- Christopher Dollar, Maintenance Journeyman
- Marvin Brandt, Production Manager
- Ken O'Connell, Maintenance Foreman

What's CEMEX all about?

With this inaugural issue of CEMEX North Coast Newsletter, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce CEMEX, which recently acquired RMC PACIFIC MATERIALS, INC.

CEMEX is a leading global producer and marketer of quality cement, ready-mix concrete and building material products. Established in Mexico in 1906, CEMEX has nearly a century of experience in the cement industry, and overtime has grown to include operations in over 50 countries.

As a part of an industry reliant on natural resources, CEMEX has stepped forward as a corporate leader in sustainable development at its operations around the world - caring for the environment and the communities in which it operates.

CEMEX is currently involved in a biodiversity conservation project in the El Carmen Region in Northern Mexico. This region is one of 34 hotspots in the world, home to at least 1,500 plant species and has lost at least 70 percent of its native vegetation. Over a decade ago CEMEX purchased approximately 175,000 acres of land in the region and is working with governments, NGOs, universities and other stakeholders. This partnership is allowing the habitat to recover from heavy use, restoring the abundant wildlife that made this landscape a live and sustainable ecosystem for thousands of years.



CEMEX El Carmen Environmental Preserve

Tour de Warrenella

Over the past nine years, the Tour de Warrenella has become a tradition at the Davenport Cement Plant for employees, and their families and guests. This year's ten-mile, downhill bicycle ride attracted over 150 participants.

The Tour was inspired by Davenport Plant's Safety and Administrative Service Supervisor Ken Kannegaard's Maui honeymoon in 1984. Ken enjoyed their "Haliakala Downhill" bicycle ride from the top of Mount Haliakala to the coast so much, he was motivated to recreate it on California's own beautiful north coast.

Twelve years later, Ken and his good friend, the late Walt Brendlen, led 30 bicyclists on the first Tour. Much of the ride takes place on CEMEX property. The Tour is not a race, but rather a leisurely ride in the majestic forests, allowing riders to appreciate the true beauty of California's landscape.

This year, 120 bicyclists met at the plant, picked up power bars, trail snack and complementary first aid kits (none of which were used), then were bused up the mountain to begin their 10 to 16 mile trek back down the mountain. Bicyclists



had the option of trails with differing levels of difficulty. Most were able to complete the ride in about two hours. Several safety checkpoints were set up to provide water, offer assistance and record the riders' progress. Once back at the Old Plant Hospital, just a few hundred feet away from the rocky cliffs overlooking Monterey Bay, bicyclists were treated to a huge homemade breakfast.

CEMEX has been a sponsor of the event from the very beginning. However, as the Tour has grown, so has community participation. Vendors and donors cover most of the costs for food and supplies for participants.



Bicyclists Waiting to Start the Tour



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