DIGGA AUSTRALIA ACQUIRES UNIVERSAL AUGERS AUSTRALIA

PRESS

Digga Australia Managing Director/CEO Suzie Wright, announced today the company has acquired the Australian arm of Universal Augers International Ltd, Universal Augers Australia Pty Ltd.

Universal Augers Australia (formerly Pengo Australia) is a leading manufacturer of Auger Drilling Tools & Accessories for the Foundation, Utility, Fencing & Agricultural sectors. Ms Wright stated, "This is a strategic move to grow our product range within Australia and to combine the forces of these two highly respected companies to further develop the UK & European arms of our businesses."

2009 Gold Coast Business of the year & recipient of a 2009 Australian Design Award, Digga is 100% Australian owned, and the largest Australian manufacturer and exporter of gearboxes and machinery attachments such as auger drives, trenchers, augers, brooms and wear parts for the earthmoving machinery industry. Formed in 1981 by founder and Chairman, Stewart Wright, Digga has pioneered Pendulum Drilling in Australia and today produce the largest range of compact high torque planetary drives for the drilling, anchoring and attachment industry.

The Universal products will be coupled with Digga's multi award winning I-Drive & compact high torque drives to form a comprehensive product portfolio focused around delivering a customized range of product to suit the Foundation, screw anchor, horizontal boring & utility market.

Universal Augers International, formerly divisions of Pengo Corporation, are one of the world's leading suppliers of Foundation Drilling Tools and accessories, with manufacturing based in the United Kingdom serving the European markets it has sales offices in Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Singapore and Shanghai. The Australian manufacturing & distribution facility was opened in 1969.

Universal Augers offers a complete bespoke design service for any type of Drilling Tool, from small Post Hole Augers for Skid Steers Loaders and Mini Excavator, Post Hole Augers for Pressure Diggers and Pendulum Drills, Specialist Site Investigation Tools, Mini Piling Augers including Hexagon Core Augers, CFA Augers from 200mm to over 1.5m in Diameter to large diameter Rotary Foundation Drilling Tools to suit every type of Foundation Piling machine, including Rock Augers, Core Barrels, Drilling and Cleaning Buckets.

The Australian company will be merged into Digga's state of the art 12,500 sqm (130,000 sq ft) facility in Brisbane, Australia. Digga has three additional, company owned, manufacturing plants in Sydney and Melbourne, and Andover, England to support an extensive worldwide dealer network.

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