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CONPLANT ACQUIRES BITUMEN EQUIPMENT

Conplant has entered into an agreement to purchase the businesses of Talsa Industries Limited as part of its strategy to expand its asphalt plant sales and support capabilities and capacities.

Based out of Auckland, New Zealand, Talsa's main business operates under the name of Bitumen Equipment. Their core competences include the manufacture and sale of continuous asphalt plants as well as comprehensive support, upgrade and customisation capabilities for most brands of asphalt plants and bitumen related products throughout New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Conplant is the largest privately owned compaction specialist in Australia and offers a comprehensive range of compaction solutions including its primary business areas of hire, sales and service. Conplant is also the sole Australian distributor for Ammann which is offered nationally through its own operations as well as its dealers.

Ammann, a Swiss based company with global manufacturing, is a leading manufacturer of compaction equipment and asphalt plants worldwide.

Conplant's Managing Director, Ian Coleman, said, "The purchase is an exceptional fit, in terms of timing, products and services. The synergies between Bitumen Equipment, Conplant and Ammann are extensive and will place us in a strong market position in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands."

"The purchase clearly demonstrates our long-term commitment to supporting asphalt plant customers in the region."

"Environmental sustainability including a focus on carbon footprint, should place greater emphasis on the need for asphalt pavement recycling and Ammann is a world leader in this technology. World's best practice blended with local knowledge and support can only be a positive for our customers."

All key people from Talsa will remain in the business including founder, Brian Atkinson and business partner Shane Sayers.

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