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Trench Plate® Rental Co. Acquires Trench Shoring Services

Trench Plate® Rental Co. (TPRC) has acquired the assets and operations of Trench Shoring Services (TSS), a multi-state provider of trench safety equipment rentals and sales with 13 branch locations across Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Pennsylvania. Formally organized as TSS in 1993 by the late Dennis Spencer, TSS also designs and manufactures a variety of steel and aluminum trench safety equipment, including its highly-regarded *ultraShore*® lightweight aluminum trench box product line.

Founded in 1979, TPRC has grown into one of the country's largest providers of trench safety solutions to the underground construction and infrastructure-related industries. Combined with TSS, TPRC now serves over 9,000 customers through its network of 34 branch locations across the United States. In addition, TPRC provides traffic control equipment rental services through its TPR Traffic Solutions® division with branch locations in California and Nevada.

"TPRC is very excited to expand our trench safety operations through the acquisition of Trench Shoring Services," said Phil Mason, President & CEO of TPRC. "TSS has an outstanding team of employees and brings long-standing relationships with customers in highly attractive regions. We are also extremely pleased that Keith Lamberson, CEO of TSS and a 34-year veteran of the trench safety industry, will join TPRC's senior management team."

"The TSS and TPRC organizations have enjoyed a mutual respect for many years, based on similar approaches to supporting and enabling our employees to provide the very highest level of service to our customers. When the opportunity arose for our companies to partner, we quickly realized it was the perfect opportunity to strengthen our business for the benefit of our customers, while still honoring the TSS and Spencer Family legacies," said Keith Lamberson, CEO of TSS.

"TPRC has a long-standing reputation as a leader in the trench safety equipment rental industry" said Graeme Gilfillan, Chairman of TPRC. "The ability to combine forces with TSS, a company that puts customer safety, service, and product quality as its highest priorities, is an excellent opportunity to extend our reach and continue our leadership in the trench safety industry."

About Trench Plate Rental Co.

Headquartered in Southern California, Trench Plate® Rental Co. is one of the country's leading suppliers of trench safety equipment rental services. The company also provides traffic control equipment rental services through its separate TPR-Traffic Solutions® division and manufactures a broad spectrum of Quik-Shor® trench safety equipment through its wholly-owned manufacturing subsidiary. For more information please visit www.tprco.com.

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