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ITEC 2025 Opens in Jeddah, Highlighting Advanced Trenchless Technologies for Saudi Arabia's Infrastructure Transformation

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 23 June 2025 – The International Trenchless Exhibition & Conference (ITEC) 2025 officially commenced today at the Jeddah Hilton, bringing together senior government officials, global technology innovators, and industry leaders to showcase the latest trenchless solutions designed to support Saudi Arabia's infrastructure modernization and urban development goals.

In his welcome address, Dr. Ahmed Stifi, Conference Chairperson and Managing Director of Acumen Consulting GmbH, stressed the growing importance of trenchless technology in meeting the Kingdom's infrastructure needs while reducing surface disruption and environmental impact. This sentiment was further reinforced by Mr. Keh Jian Shou, Chairman of the International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT), who outlined how No-Dig methods are transforming underground construction by improving efficiency, reducing operational costs, and preserving urban landscapes.

Exhibiting companies are showcasing a wide range of cutting-edge products and solutions that demonstrate the evolving capabilities of trenchless technology. TCC - Tamimi Group presented its expertise in delivering large-scale tunneling and underground infrastructure projects essential for the Kingdom's expanding cities.

Amiantit introduced its latest fiberglass piping solutions designed for micro-tunneling applications. These pipes, known for their corrosion resistance, lightweight structure, and durability, are engineered to enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of trenchless installations.

ATS highlighted its advanced equipment and monitoring systems that elevate the precision, safety, and reliability of trenchless operations, meeting the rising demand for data-driven project management in challenging ground conditions.

Underground Magnetics displayed state-of-the-art locating systems crucial for ensuring accuracy in horizontal directional drilling (HDD), especially in congested urban environments. Elgin and Apollo presented innovative drilling and tunneling support equipment aimed at increasing operational productivity while adhering to environmental and regulatory standards.

Herrenknecht AG demonstrated its internationally recognized micro-tunneling and pipe jacking technologies, which are widely used in major projects worldwide, including initiatives aligned with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 strategy for smart and sustainable cities.

The exhibition floor also featured prominent industry names such as Vermeer Middle East, Palmieri Group, GeoHarbour, NRP International, and Yangzhou Dilog Machinery. These companies presented advanced trenchless drilling machines, shaft sinking systems, and ground

improvement solutions designed to meet the unique geotechnical challenges of Saudi Arabia's infrastructure landscape.

A key panel discussion led by Mohamed Ghazy from the Ministry of Municipalities and Housing focused on the strategic role of trenchless technology in supporting the expansion of urban utility networks with minimal disruption. "Trenchless solutions are vital for enabling infrastructure growth while maintaining the integrity of urban environments and promoting smart city development," he stated.

The first day concluded with technical presentations on tunnel jacking advancements and the deployment of fiberglass piping systems, emphasizing sustainable practices, operational excellence, and cost savings. The conference will resume tomorrow with further technical sessions and business networking opportunities aimed at accelerating the development of Saudi Arabia's underground infrastructure sector.

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