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Radiological Decontamination Of Armored Vehicles



This photograph shows radiological decontamination of an armored vehicle with VLN's rotating forced pulsed waterjets at a military test site in Umea, Sweden, (small inset: at a facility in Ottawa, Canada). The investigation continues under a new contract from CBRN/CRTI (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Research and Technology Initiative) of National Defense of Canada. Picture sent in by VLN Advanced Technologies Inc., a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference.

> Throughout this issue of the Jet News you will find more photographs contributed by companies that will be performing live demonstrations at the 2005 WJTA American Wateriet Conference.

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Hydrodemolition On An Austrian Bridge

ustrian hydrodemolition specialist A contractor Röhsler & Co. is using an Aqua Cutter HVD6000 to remove more than 300 m³ of concrete to expose rebar for installation of new impact barriers on a 300 m elevated live highway in Vienna.

Vienna's North Bridge is considered to be one of the busiest bridges in Central Europe with approximately 100,000 vehicles a day.

Much of this traffic, from the northern suburbs, is causing major traffic congestion with more than 42,000 vehicles daily using the A22 junction in the area of the city's B7. B3 and Brünner Strasse in the suburb of Floridsdorf.

As a result, construction is underway constructing an elevated 1.2 km extension of the A22 at Prager Strasse to alleviate the heavy traffic away from the suburb centre and improve access to the nearby shopping centre and industrial area.

Construction work started on the new extension project by German contractor Dywidag at the beginning of the year in a 20-month contract and a contract value of €100 million.

As part of the project, the opportunity was taken by the city's Highway Authority to upgrade the impact barriers along the existing 300 m long elevated section of the A22.

Hydrodemolition techniques were the specified preferred option to expose the bridge rebar by the contractor with Austrian specialist Röhsler & Co appointed as the main sub-contractor responsible for the work.

Röhsler & Co opted to use its HVD6000 Aqua Cutter to cut an 80 cm wide channel to a depth of 25 cm to expose the rebar, removing all the concrete along the outer edge of the highway platform.

Using a high pressure jet of water, the dieselpowered Aqua Cutter robot 'blasts' the concrete without causing any damage to the structure or the reinforcement bars.

In a second adjacent cut, Röhsler & Co prepared a further channel 1 m x 5 cm to expose the top rebar without causing any damage. New rebar was then embedded into the 1 m section and across to the new extended bridge edge, further reinforcing the exposed rebar.

A new 1.4 m – 1.6 m wide concrete platform was formed with a 20 -30 cm thickness and supported by temporary formwork scaffolding.

By the completion of the project, Röhsler & Co expect to have cleared more than 2,500 m² without any damage to the rebar or adjacent concrete.

Crossing over the Prager Strasse interchange

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Temporary scaffolding utilizing Doka formwork supports the new 1.4 m – 1.6 m wide concrete platform extending the elevated highway.



A special steel gantry protects demolition procedures from passing traffic and pedestrians below the elevated section, enclosing the Aquajet cutter robot.



The compact size of the Aquajet robot allows it to work in confined areas not accessed by competitive hydrodemolition systems.



Tank cleaning. Picture sent in by Universal Minerals, a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference.



Waterjets remove paint from steel. Picture sent in by Universal Minerals, a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference.

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The device adapts to any nozzle, flow and pressure selected, and allows a wide range of motion - up, down, side-to-side and rotation. Picture sent in by Jetstream of Houston, LLP, a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Wateriet Conference.



Waterjets remove paint. Picture sent in by Gardner Denver Water Jetting Systems, a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference.

Viper 40TM Features Self-Rotating UHP Waterjet

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Rotating Line Moles

LB Corp. has introduced three new 20,000 psi water jet nozzles for clearing blocked pipes and tubes. Called Rotating Line Moles, they are self-propelling and field-repairable in less than five minutes.

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Tank cleaner. Picture sent in by StoneAge, Inc., a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference.



Subway Cleaner. Picture sent in by StoneAge, Inc., a company demonstrating at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference.

Onsite Live Demonstrations Being Held At The Conference

nsite Live Demonstrations are being held at the 2005 WJTA American Waterjet Conference on Monday, August 22, and Tuesday, August 23, in the rear parking lot of the Marriott Westchase Hotel in Houston, Texas. An assortment of photos contributed by companies performing demos that depict wateriets in action appear throughout this issue of the Jet News. A list of participating companies and their display descriptions available at press time appear below:

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presented several problems for the contractor, not least the height of tramlines below the bridge.

According to Project Manager, Herr B L Ludwig, "Working with a maximum heading of just 15 cm – almost nothing – was a particular concern."

He continued, "We could not close the road or halt the trams."

A special steel gantry designed by Röhsler & Co in collaboration with Dywidag, solved the problem protecting the passing traffic and pedestrians, and enclosing the Aqua Cutter robot.

Röhsler maintained a working section of 12 m/day determined by the repeated repositioning of the railmounted covered steel gantry over the edge of the highway, with live traffic including cars, trams and pedestrians below.

Impact barriers

The new improved steel impact barrier meets with the latest EU regulations and an outer steel and fibreglass infill canopy provides an aesthetic finish and noise damping.

The HVD6000 robot from Swedish specialist manufacturer Aquajet Systems AB was coupled to a 800 hp Woma pump supplying water at a pressure with 1200 bar and a flow rate of 200 litres/min.

Austrian hydrodemolition contractor Röhsler is no stranger to Aquajet, with more than 10 years experience with the Swedish company's Aqua Cutter systems.

Currently, in addition to the HVD6000 the company also has an HVD6000 TC and an older HV550.

According to Ing. Rainer Röhsler, all three are in constant use throughout the hydrodemolition season – determined by the end of frosts – throughout Europe as well as in special jobs in the Middle East.

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NLB Corp.

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To register call Jamie Carder at 330-677-9100 or e-mail richel@richel.com. The instructor, Richard Ward, is a professional engineer who has specialized in waterjet cutting since 1992. He has conducted over 40 seminars worldwide on waterjet cutting and has authored dozens of articles for publication. More information at: www.richel.com.





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