

Scaffolding

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Pictured is the modular, aluminium scaffolding system called Triangular Bridge manufactured by Arilan Aluminium in the Netherlands. It will span up to 12 m and supports loads of 600 kg. Bridge deck sections, available in 2, 4, and 8 m lengths, assemble on the ground and are positioned along two wall supports, lifted by an integral, hand-powered winch. The product is available in mainland Europe and in the UK from Sterk Systems in Buckinghamshire.

Brand acquires Interstate

US industrial scaffolding company Brand Services acquired one its largest US competitors, Interstate Scaffolding, on 10 October. The purchase price was not revealed.

Brand, which also owns Aluma Systems, will completely merge 30-year-old Interstate, which had eight locations across the country. Brand said the move illustrated "the company's key business objectives and growth initiatives."

Brand, headquartered in Georgia, said Interstate's New Jersey and Chicago facilities will operate under the Brand name. Bob Veltre will continue to lead the New Jersey activities and Bill Kuhn will stay as head of the Chicago location. Brand will, however, combine Interstate's Los Angeles and Bay Area operations

with its Long Beach and Vallejo, CA facilities.

"Interstate's strong operating team, as well as its established relationships with major industrial and commercial customers, enhances

Brand's existing capabilities in the US," said Brand's president and chief executive officer, Paul Wood. "It expands our reach across the continent with a wealth of knowledge in the industrial market."

Brand has over 90 facilities around the world and had 2005 sales of US\$491 (€392) million.

These fantastic pictures show a Peri scaffolding system being used on the spectacular new Hotel Marques de Riscal in the Rioja region of Spain, designed by architect Frank Gehry and commemorating the wine culture of the region. Peri Up scaffolding on a 2 x 2 m grid provided access while constructing the 1800 m² titanium roof of the €60 million building, and Peri formwork and shoring was also used throughout the 100000 m² construction project. The hotel, located to the west of Pamplona and part of de Riscal's 'City of Wine', has now opened.

