



## Insuring the Unique Risks of the Construction Industry

**Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG)** specializes in offering coverage for the unique risks of the construction industry. Through its subsidiary, HIIG Construction, the company has experience and expertise in successfully underwriting a full spectrum of coverages specific to the needs of the construction industry.

HIIG Construction has particularly focused on heavy mechanized operations and infrastructure. Examples of coverage for heavy mechanized operations include: site preparation, land clearing, grading, excavation, earth retention, stone crushing, steel erection and fabrication. Examples of coverage for infrastructure include: underground utility, oil and gas pipeline, bridge and concrete, street and road paving.

HIIG offered coverages include: commercial general liability, commercial automobile, inland marine, property, excess liability, workers' compensation and employer's liability.

HIIG has assets of more than \$1 billion and shareholders' equity of more than \$250 million. Its underwriting divisions focus on Construction, Energy, Professional Liability, Transactional Property and other Specialty business.

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## Doubling the Rigs Cuts the Time in Half

**Terra Sonic International (TSI)** recently performed a large environmental site assessment project for Ecotech Environmental Services (Pompano Beach, Fla.). The project involved the installation of 25 monitoring wells covering five properties in Pensacola, Fla. These well depths ranged from 45 ft to 80 ft below grade, and a total of 1,345 linear ft of monitoring wells were installed over the seven-day project. Ecotech requested TSI provide two compact crawlers, which allowed the project to be completed in half the usual time with one seven-day mobilization. Terra Sonic is known for its ability to provide multiple rigs for a single project.

TSI recently formed a strategic alliance with Earth Tech Drilling to provide sonic drilling services to Earth Tech's south Florida clients and the two firms partnered on the Pensacola project. Tim Dehen, president of Ecotech, states he is pleased that TSI has formed an alliance with Earth Tech and looks forward to expanded service capabilities and additional sonic drilling at the Pensacola site and others. "Working with TSI and Earth Tech Drilling on this project exceeded our performance expectations with regard to troubleshooting and the project duration. Sonic drilling was the perfect technology for the well depths required, and the complicated geology/hydrogeology found at this site. These drillers really showed their in-depth experience with this technology," he says. ■



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