

will be integrating the Wilson employees and operations with Praxair Distribution's 4,200 employees in North America," said Yakich. The integration of Wilson complements the acquisition of Mittler Supply, Inc. of South Bend, IN that Praxair Distribution announced March 30. □

UNION ENGINEERING OPENS US OFFICE

Union Engineering, headquartered in Fredericia, Denmark, a designer and manufacturer of high-quality CO₂ plants for the beverage segment, as well as for the chemical and gas industry, have opened a new subsidiary office in Atlanta, GA. The new office will be staffed by a sales manager handling all sales-related tasks, a project engineer in charge of the development of the CO₂ plants, and a supervisor offering service and support for Union Engineering's CO₂ plants in the US. The Denmark office will offer extensive support in the design and production phases. This new subsidiary comes on the heels of heavy expansion for Union Engineering throughout the US and in other world regions. (See *CGI* May 2007, pg. 15 for further information on UE.) □

RANCH ERECTS PLANT IN MEXICO

In March of 2007, Ranch Cryogenics, Inc. (RCI) completed dismantling a 275 TPD Air Liquide Oxygen Plant in Vineyard, UT for export to Mexico. The entire plant was dismantled, packaged and shipped to Mexico and various state-side vendors for refurbishment in seven weeks. "We knew that an eight week dismantling schedule was very tight for this size of project" says Mike Duffy Sr., RCI President, "but we put together an aggressive plan with our contractors and actually beat our goal by a week."



RCI will supervise the re-erection and startup of the plant for SIMEC International S.A. de C.V. in Mexicali Baja California, Mexico this year. All equipment has been sent to vendors to be refurbished to new condition before installation. Ranch has designed and built a state of the art Delta V control sys-

tem, converting the original pneumatic process control system to a combination of traditional analog, DeviceNet and Field-Bus protocols. These controls are complimented by an RCI designed and built control room analyzer panel. These system upgrades will simplify the necessary process of frequent plant shut-downs and re-starts during peak power months of summer.

RCI also was required to redesign the cooling water system to adapt a plant designed for Utah to function properly in one of the hottest areas of North America. New cooling towers with variable speed drive fans and cooling water pumps will replace the original, much smaller units.

Duffy reports that installation of foundations is now complete and equipment installation has begun. The project is on schedule for completion this fall. □

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