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R. BAKER & SON: Ranks in Inc. - 5000 Fastest Growing Companies 2009

Inc. Magazine recently ranked R. Baker & Son All Industrial Services among their "2009 Inc. 5000", an exclusive annual ranking of the fastest-growing private companies in America. R. Baker & Son ranked 2,881, with an impressive growth rate of 98.2% between 2005 and 2008. The national construction industry average for the same four year period was 22.16%.

We've received a number of honors thus far this year, including:

- Top 25 Demolition Contractors (D&RI)
- Business Achievement Award for Sustainability (EBJ)
- 2009 Top Specialty Contractors (NY Const.)
- D&B Rating reaffirmed at 3A2
- 5+ years (and counting) with zero OSHA Recordable Incidents

We attribute our successes to many facets that comprise one central goal: to ensure our customers the best all-around customer experience available. We emphasize a close working relationship with our clients on a day-to-day basis. Our clients can be confident that their project will be given maximum attention from start to finish, down to the smallest detail. R. Baker & Son president David Baker is involved in every project.

R. Baker & Son is especially sensitive to working within tight project budgets without compromising our quality of service. With our roster of the best trained, most experienced industrial services professionals in our industry, we are able to avoid the budget overruns that can be expected from most other contractors. As shown by our Inc. 5000 ranking and D&B rating, our customers can rest assured that R. Baker & Son is financially solid and can get their job done.



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INDUSTRY BUZZ: The World's Largest Machine, Bagger 288

As an industrial services contractor, we get to work with some pretty incredible construction machinery, but none of our equipment even comes close to comparing with this behemoth: meet **Bagger 288**, the largest movable land machine ever built.

This enormous bucket-wheel excavator, built in Germany by Krups in 1978, weighs in at 45,500 tons, measures 220 meters long and stands 98 meters high. The excavating head is 21.6 meters in diameter, and each of its 18 buckets holds 7.9 yards of material. Bagger 288 is capable of excavating an astonishing 240,000 tons per day – the equivalent of a football field-sized hole dug 30 meters deep.

Still finding it hard to fathom Bagger 288's size? In the photo on the left, a bulldozer that ventured a bit too close can be seen wedged like a soup can in the massive bucket wheel.



Summer Outing: Haskell 2009

There were some clouds and rain, even a heavy downpour or two, but nothing could dampen the spirits at R. Baker & Son's annual outing at the Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park on Sunday, August 2.

Our group stayed dry under our trackside tent, enjoying a fun day of exciting races, food and refreshments, and great company. Preakness winner Rachel Alexandra, the 3 year-old filly favorite, took the Haskell in a spectacular six-length win. As always, a great time was had by all, especially those of us who went home a little wealthier!



Congratulations to R. Baker & Son's most recent Quality Award winner: **Bryan Simoes**

The Award Program has been established to recognize individuals who have contributed to R. Baker & Son's growth and success for their outstanding achievements in safety, project execution and customer satisfaction above and beyond the call of duty.

Plan/Set/Start: A Pharm-Bio Must

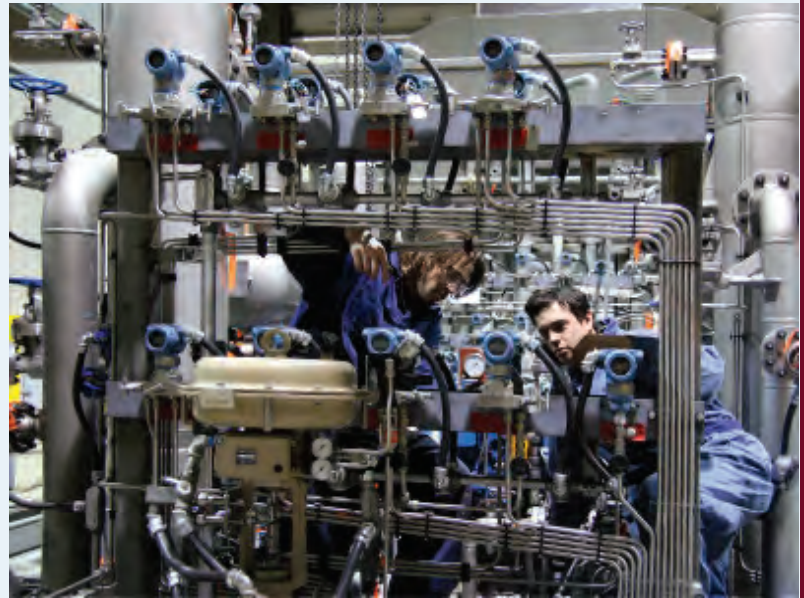
In the pharmaceutical industry, projects are usually approved on a fast track basis. Equipment is often purchased directly from vendors, and a FAT is usually performed before it is shipped to the jobsite. This equipment can include lyophilizers, SKAN isolators, granulators, milling equipment, reactors, WFI, CIP, clean rooms, and a wide assortment of packaging equipment. In some instances, dozens of pieces of equipment and thousands of parts must be received and verified before the intricate task of assembly begins.

When owners purchase on-site support from equipment vendors, start-up of critical systems needs to happen smoothly so the project can run on-schedule.

If a vendor is forced to extend its stay due to delays and improper assembly, it comes at enormous financial cost, and crucial commissioning and validation time is lost.

With R. Baker & Son's Plan/Set/Start, we ensure that projects come in on schedule and on budget.

Our veteran mechanics are the industry's most experienced with helping pharm-bio customers through this rigorous task. When you've invested a great deal of money in equipment and systems, it pays to have the expertise to do it right the first time. If you have a project coming up or need help, Art Sferlazzo welcomes your call.



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CONSTRUCTION HAZARDS

The top four causes of construction fatalities are: Falls, Struck-By, Caught-In/Between and Electrocutions.

Prevent Falls -

- ◆Wear and use personal fall arrest equipment.
- ◆Install and maintain perimeter protection.
- ◆Cover and secure floor openings and label floor opening covers.
- ◆Use ladders and scaffolds safely.

Prevent Struck-By -

- ◆Never position yourself between moving and fixed objects.
- ◆Wear high-visibility clothes near equipment/vehicles.

Prevent Caught-In/Between -

- ◆Never enter an unprotected trench or excavation 5 feet or deeper without an adequate protective system in place; some trenches under 5 feet deep may also need such a system.
- While waiting for help to arrive:
- ◆Make sure the trench or excavation is protected either by sloping, shoring, benching or trench shield systems.

Prevent Electrocutions -

- ◆Locate and identify utilities before starting work.
- ◆Look for overhead power lines when operating any equipment.
- ◆Maintain a safe distance away from power lines; learn the safe distance requirements.
- ◆Do not operate portable electric tools unless they are grounded or double insulated.
- ◆Use ground-fault circuit interrupters for protection.
- ◆Be alert to electrical hazards when working with ladders, scaffolds or other platforms.

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