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Belgard® Hardscapes Introduces Mega-Tandem™ Wall Block

Size and Connectors Brings Unmatched Solution for Wall Height

Atlanta, Ga. – July 16, 2013 – Belgard® Hardscapes has introduced the Mega-Tandem™ Mass Retaining Wall™ (MRW) block, a versatile wall block system with the natural look of stone whose size and mechanical structure allow for building reinforced walls up to 15-feet high and gravity walls up to 10 feet without reinforcing.

“The size and connectors in the Mega-Tandem MRW system allow for a gravity wall height of up to 10 feet without a surcharge, which is ideal for wall projects where it is difficult to impossible to excavate for stabilization for a retaining walls,” said Al Pfannenstein, national retaining wall manager for Belgard Hardscapes. “This height is a sharp contrast to the traditional three-foot height that SRW products typically can achieve without reinforcement.

“The structural benefits combined with Mega-Tandem’s look make it an unmatched innovation in the wall block marketplace,” Pfannenstein said.

Mega-Tandem features a patent-pending, positive mechanical connection. The reinforced polypropylene connecting members create structural integrity in curved or straight retaining and freestanding walls. Available in a 12 x 24 panel weighing 65 pounds, the system has a running bond configuration so no patterns are required.

Meeting ASTM standards (C-1372 and C-1262), Mega-Tandem's 8500 psi compressive strength concrete makes it suitable across the country, even the coldest environments where it can withstand harsh freeze-thaw cycles.

Mega-Tandem also offers national appeal because of design diversity that appeals to varying regional color trends. Available in three color blends, Mega-Tandem comes in 12 different facial textures with the classic look of natural chiseled stone.

"The design versatility offered by Mega-Tandem provides flexibility for better integration of retaining walls in building and landscape designs of commercial properties and homeowners' outdoor living spaces," Pfannenstein said.

For more information and a how-to video, visit: [insert link](#).

About Belgard® Hardscapes

Belgard® Hardscapes, part of Oldcastle® Architectural, offers a complete collection of paver and wall products for outdoor living spaces, walkways, driveways, parking areas and retaining walls. Available in a range of styles, premium Belgard products have been found in America's finest homes and award-winning commercial and retail properties since 1995. For more information or a complimentary Idea Book, visit www.Belgard.com or call 1-877-Belgard (235-4273). Find more inspiring outdoor space ideas at www.Facebook.com/BelgardHardscapes.

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