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Subsurface Constructors, Inc., a St. Louis-based foundation construction company, has recently significantly increased its ability to provide ground improvement solutions by means of aggregate pier construction. Through the purchase of three new Pennine Stratacaster MK II Vibro Rigs, Subsurface now has the capability of installing vibro stone columns, which are often a cost-effective foundation alternative to deep foundations and other aggregate pier providers, especially in soft soils characterized by low bearing capacities and high consolidation characteristics. By designing and constructing a stone column solution, Subsurface can increase bearing capacities by more than 300 percent and bring the settlement criteria of structures within tolerable levels in soft soils. Subsurface currently owns the only Pennine Stratacasters in the United States, adding to their large fleet of drilling and pile driving equipment.

Subsurface Constructors, Inc. is currently celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of building all types of deep foundations in the Midwest United States, including drilled shafts, driven pile, augercast pile, micropile, and extensive earth retention systems. Subsurface Constructors, Inc. grew in the mid to late 1990's under the leadership of John Morgan, who currently serves as Chairman of the business. The President of Subsurface Constructors, Inc. is Jim Morgan, and the Chief Operating Officer is Jeff Morgan.