

Waco International acquires the business of United Scaffolding Limited in New Zealand

History of United Scaffolding (United): Bill Labes and his wife Phillippa established the business in 1972 and built it up over 30 years. The company has grown from humble beginnings in Dunedin to operating 5 branches with 95 staff on the South Island of New Zealand including Dunedin, Invercargill, Queenstown, Timaru and Christchurch. United provides scaffolding, falsework, formwork and associated services to the industrial, commercial, residential, and entertainment sectors.

Left to Right: Greg Hart (HR Waco), Rod Mill (MD Kwikform), B Labes (United) & Stephen Goodburn (CEO Waco)



The acquisition which became effective on 1 November 2012 will expand Waco Kwikform's footprint into New Zealand to the South Island making Waco Kwikform a

market leader in New Zealand as well as providing a platform to grow in the Christchurch market.

The rebuilding of Christchurch after the recent earthquakes is expected to be substantial with damage estimated at NZ\$25 billion and will take a number of years to complete. Customers and staff of United will benefit from the operational expertise and substantial equipment base that the Waco group has available to service projects of any size, enabling us to grow the business to be the leading supplier on the South Island of New Zealand.

Christchurch before the earthquake



Christchurch after the earthquake

