CIRI COMPANY MAKES MAJOR ACQUISITION

CIRI subsidiary North Wind Group announces the acquisition of Portage, Inc. (Portage) and all its subsidiaries. Portage and North Wind are familiar with each other – the Idaho Falls, Idaho-based companies are two of the leading small businesses in the federal environmental services market.

“The addition of Portage to the North Wind Group of companies strengthens our capabilities coast to coast and enables us to become even more competitive in our market, fostering continued growth and sustainability for North Wind,” said Christopher P. Leichtweis, North Wind Group president and CEO. “Portage has a great reputation for excellent performance. Together, we are a stronger and more capable organization.”

2016 saw North Wind Group grow to more than 850 employees. With the addition of Portage, the combined company will now employ more than 1,100 individuals, making North Wind Group one of the most robust and capable small businesses in the federal market operating in eight primary North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes. The newly-combined companies will operate in 35 states and three countries, with plans for continued growth in Canada and the Pacific Rim.

“North Wind’s performance has been a great benefit for our shareholders and helps make CIRI a stronger, more diversified company,” said Sophie Minich, president and CEO of CIRI. “With this new acquisition, we look forward to continued growth while delivering the performance excellence and commitment to safety that are hallmarks of North Wind.”

ABOUT PORTAGE, INC.

Portage provides comprehensive engineering and technical solutions for environmental, infrastructure and energy projects. Founded in 1992, the company supports federal, state and local governments, in addition to private industry worldwide. Based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Portage also has offices in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas and Utah. For information, visit www.portageinc.com.

SILVER MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION WINS MAJOR CONTRACT

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) recently awarded a CIRI subsidiary company a major contract at Alaska’s Eielson Air Force Base, near Fairbanks, Alaska. The five-year contract is for a broad range of construction services, and it comes at a pivotal time for Eielson as the base prepares to usher in the arrival of the first operational F-35 squadron. Combining advanced stealth technology with fighter speed and agility, the F-35 is the newest multi-role fighter jet for the USAF.

Awarded to Palmer, Alaska-based Silver Mountain Construction, the contract involves Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineering Requirements (SABER) work at Eielson and Clear Air Station, Alaska, which encompasses most types of property maintenance, repair and non-complex construction work. Silver Mountain will rely on a strong local workforce for support.

The Eielson base is projected to receive two squadrons of F-35s. On-base construction to prepare for the squadrons is expected to start in 2017, with the first F-35s slated to begin arriving in 2020.

“The SABER contract is for general base maintenance and construction not directly related to the F-35 build-up,” said Jared Edgar, Silver Mountain president and CEO. “However, this contract positions Silver Mountain to not only support those activities, but to foster new, long-term relationships with the Air Force and other contractors involved in the work.”

While a relatively young company, Silver Mountain already has a track record of success on projects for the U.S. military in Alaska. In May 2016, Silver Mountain completed a battalion headquarters at Fort Wainwright, an Army base just east of Fairbanks. Construction of the two-story, 20,000-square-foot building began July 2014. The project was Silver Mountain’s foray into LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) construction, a program of the U.S. Green Building Council that recognizes buildings that use less water and energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Happy 2017! If you’re like me, you look forward to the fresh start each New Year brings. Perhaps you aim to improve your health, better manage your finances, spend more time with family and friends or learn a new skill. Whatever your goals, I hope 2017 brings you success and much happiness.

As we enter the New Year, CIRI is working to maximize benefits from current investments, explore new opportunities and overcome challenges in certain sectors. An exciting development I’m pleased to announce is that of a new acquisition for the CIRI family of companies. On Jan. 20, our subsidiary North Wind Group closed on a transaction to acquire a company called Portage, Inc. North Wind oversees several companies primarily focused on environmental, engineering, construction and technical services and consulting. Last year, the Idaho-based company scored two large, multi-year environmental cleanup contracts: the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketown, Ohio, and the Idaho National Laboratory near Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Since its founding in 1997, North Wind has grown to a group of companies that employ more than 800 highly-skilled professionals in more than 20 office locations throughout the country. North Wind’s performance has been a great benefit to our shareholders and employees, and the acquisition of Portage portends even greater success. You can find out more by visiting www.NorthWindGrp.com.

At the Fireweed Business Center, work is starting to prepare the tenant space for Umialik Insurance Company. We are very excited Umialik will be joining us in our building, occupying the fifth floor. Coupled with existing tenant Stantec’s expansion late last year, the Fireweed Business Center will be 70 percent occupied in 2017, and we continue to see strong interest from potential tenants who are drawn to the building’s quality, energy efficiency and spatial comfort. At the same time, CIRI’s former headquarters at 2525 C Street remains a premier midtown Anchorage property and a strong asset in CIRI’s real estate portfolio.

CIRI develops products and services to meet our business needs, and in many instances they lead to potential new sources of revenue to boost our bottom line. An example is the shareholder management system that CIRI built to handle our shareholder records. The software is uniquely structured for Alaska Native corporations, and we recently started marketing a cloud-based version to village corporations.

Another example: CIRI uses drone technology for a variety of our marketing and communications needs. Unmanned aerial vehicles, known as UAVs or drones, are remote-controlled flying robots that can be used for aerial photography, videography and inspection. Drone operators are certified by the Federal Aviation Administration – the same national authority that issues pilot licenses. In addition to utilizing drone technology for its own purposes, CIRI is now marketing drone services to other businesses. Our new company, Arctic Aerial, is poised to work on a range of projects, including real estate, surveying and mapping, land imaging, inspections, event coverage and more. Find out more at www.ArcticAerial.com.

Shareholders in Alaska may have seen recent news headlines lamenting the state of the Alaska economy. Last month, an article in the Alaska Dispatch News stated that Alaska is facing a recession, with job losses accelerated by low oil prices. Unfortunately, CIRI is not immune to the financial challenges facing Alaska and the oil industry, largely due to falling oil and commodity prices. Our subsidiary Cruz Energy Services has had a difficult year in North Dakota, and our private equity portfolio has also felt the impact of low commodity prices. It is another reminder of the need to maintain a diversified portfolio to weather market-specific fluctuations.

As always, CIRI is actively pursuing business opportunities that will allow us to deliver strong financial results. The future is yet unwritten, but I’m excited about CIRI’s opportunities as we embark on a new year working to deliver strong and consistent returns to you, our shareholders.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich

CIRI in the COMMUNITY

Check out CIRI’s new ‘In the Community’ webpage!

Recognizing its role in supporting the organizations that promote education and fight hunger, poverty and homelessness, CIRI takes its role as a corporate citizen seriously. “We feel a strong responsibility to help have a community that is safe—our families are safe, our children are fed, they’re ready to go to school and learn every day,” said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich.

Visit CIRI’s new “In the Community” webpage to learn about CIRI’s philanthropy guidelines and giving policy; the latest community-minded news; and the wide variety of cultural and social-service programs the company supports, such as Alaska Public Media, Bean’s Cafe/The Children’s Lunchbox, Food Bank of Alaska, Muldoon Elementary School and United Way of Anchorage.

“*This is our home. We want to make sure there is prosperity and opportunity for all*,” Minich said. “*That’s just who we are.*”

www.ciri.com/our-corporation/in-the-community/
APPLY NOW FOR SHEEP HUNTING PERMITS

About 200 miles west of Anchorage, near Farewell, lies CIRI’s two townships of mountainous property. As in previous years, recreational use permits will be issued for access to portions of the Farewell area for Dall sheep hunting in 2017.

Access permits to CIRI lands near Farewell are awarded through a random drawing. The general public may apply for access; however, CIRI shareholders and their immediate family members, confirmed descendants and CIRI employees are drawn in a separate priority lottery, ensuring first choice of hunting periods. There is no charge to apply, and permits are issued free of charge.

For additional details and to complete the online permit application, visit www.ciri.com/our-lands/permitting/.

The general hunt, but they are limited to CIRI shareholders, confirmed descendants and children of CIRI employees.

Due to lower numbers of rams observed on the property in recent years, CIRI is making minor changes to the 2017 Farewell hunter access program. As in past years, hunters will access the area via Veleska Lake to the north and Smith Lake to the south. Access permits will be issued for up to 10 days, nine nights. Each hunting party (up to four individuals) will be limited to taking two legal rams. In previous years, each hunter in a party was permitted to take a sheep.

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45TH ANNIVERSARY OF CIRI’S SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER

This month CIRI celebrates the 45th anniversary of its shareholder newsletter. From the beginning, CIRI has prided itself on keeping its shareholders informed about the current state and future vision of the corporation. But the newsletter didn’t always look the way it does now.

In 1972, the newsletter consisted of five typewritten sheets of meeting notes. A major topic was the 1.25 million acres of land CIRI was to receive as part of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Much of the quality land in the Cook Inlet region was already spoken for by state or private interests, except for federal withdrawals, like the Kenai Moose Range and military reservations. “Mainly mountainous or glacial terrain,” the notes read.

According to the newsletter, the lone appointee from the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska “came to Anchorage wanting to know what our region looked like. He got a plane from the B.L.M. (Bureau of Land Management) and spent a couple of days.”

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Sam Schimmel

“I want to be a lawyer, so let’s try this out.”

Those were Sam Schimmel’s thoughts when he decided to apply to 2016 Color of Justice (COJ). A CIRI descendant originally from St. Lawrence Island and now living in Seattle, Sam spends his summers in Alaska berry picking, fishing, hunting and engaging in other subsistence activities. “In the villages, you see a lot of injustice. I want to fight that,” Sam said.

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ELDERS’ SETTLEMENT TRUST PAYMENTS

First quarter Elders’ Settlement Trust payments of $450 will be mailed or directly deposited on Friday, March 10. Direct deposit and address change deadlines may be found at www.ciri.com/shareholders/benefits/dividends-and-distributions/distribution-schedule.

Shareholders with Genek portal accounts may cancel an existing direct deposit instruction and submit address changes online via the portal.

Alternatively, shareholders may visit www.ciri.com or call Shareholder Relations at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 (CIRI) for forms and information on record updates.

RAYMOND CONSTANTINE, 55
Raymond Constantine passed away Oct. 21, 2016, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Constantine was born April 28, 1961, in Tyonek, Alaska. He is remembered by his family as a loving, hardworking, helpful and compassionate man who enjoyed cooking, camping, fishing and watching basketball. He is survived by his wife, Charlene; children, Angie, Amanda, Raymond Jr. (Ruth), Roman and Ricky; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Desirae, Ruben, Adrian and Mariah.

CLIFFORD A. KELLY, 64
Clifford A. Kelly passed away Nov. 7, 2016, at home in Soldotna, Alaska. Mr. Kelly was born Nov. 2, 1952, in Seward, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Kelly; children, Kim, Sabrina, Carmen, Jamie, Jason and Aaron; mother, Doris Kelly; brother, Carl Kelly; and sisters, Gail and Connie.

MICHAEL B. LAMONT, 58
Michael B. LaMont passed away Nov. 11, 2016, at home in Fleming, Colo. Mr. LaMont was born Aug. 28, 1958, in Fairbanks, Alaska. He is survived by his siblings, Gerald LaMont, Jeffrey LaMont and Linda Clifford; niece, Scarlet LaMont; and nephews, Cole LaMont, Gerald “Bobby” LaMont, Clifton LaMont and Jacob LaMont.

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MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

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TRADITIONAL RECIPE: MOOSE MEAT PEROK

This is the recipe used at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches each fall.

Start to finish: 75 minutes (30 minutes active)

Servings: Approximately 6

Ingredients:
- 2 frozen pie moose meat
- 1 pound ground moose meat
- 1 cup ground beef
- 3 cups long-grain white rice, partially cooked
- 1-2 shakes soy sauce, or to taste
- 1/4 celery stalk, chopped
- 1/4 large onion, diced
- 1-2 eggs, beaten
- 1-2 shakes Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4-1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 package beef au jus mix
- 1-2 shakes garlic powder
- 1-2 shakes onion powder
- 1/4 cups water

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:
1. Heat oven to 375 F.
2. Place rice in large bowl and cover the top layer with soy sauce (1-2 shakes or to taste).
3. Mix in celery, onion, eggs, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, garlic powder, onion powder, beef au jus mix, and salt and pepper.
4. Combine rice mixture with moose meat, beef and water.
5. Place in 9x13-inch pan.
6. Cover with pastry crust. Trim overhang and crimp edges.
7. Bake 45 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

CALLING ALL HOME COOKS: SEND US YOUR RECIPES!

Do you have a favorite recipe to share? The Raven’s Circle is looking to feature recipes that incorporate the plants, berries, fish and animals of the Cook Inlet region, traditional Alaska Native foods or a contemporary twist of your own. We welcome all types of recipes, from soups and salads to main dishes and desserts. By sharing your favorite dishes, your recipe will reach thousands of readers.

How to submit your recipe

Recipes may be emailed to info@cirii.com. Each submission should include:
1. Your full name
2. Name of the dish
3. Type of dish (main dish, side dish, etc.)
4. Brief description of the dish
5. Ingredients (including quantities)
6. Method/directions
7. Total cook time (approximate)
8. Number of servings
9. High-resolution photo of the completed dish, origin of the recipe, tools and equipment needed (optional)

Credit to the author will be given for all published photos and recipes.

2017 JUNIOR NYO GAMES
Feb. 24-26
Wells Fargo Sports Complex at UAA 2801 Spirit Drive, Anchorage

Visit www.citi.org/event-programs/nyo-games for more information.
This year’s Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) filing period runs Jan 1-March 31. A unique giving tradition, Pick.Click.Give. allows Alaskans to share their PFDs with the causes they care about most. Simply select the organization of your choice from a searchable online list, then designate it to receive all or a portion of your PFD. In October, that amount will automatically be deducted from your PFD.


CREATE A QENEK ACCOUNT OR ACCESS YOUR EXISTING ACCOUNT BY MARCH 31 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST-QUARTER DRAWING

Qenek is CIRI’s free, secure, online shareholder portal through which shareholders may access up-to-date information about their CIRI shares and dividends and perform certain tasks online. Qenek also helps to reduce CIRI’s carbon footprint.

To increase usage, drawings for an Echo Dot will take place for the quarters ending March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 from the names of all shareholders with Qenek accounts. If the selected individual has not accessed the Qenek account during the quarter or if the CIRI address is not current, another winner will be selected.

To register or access your existing Qenek account, visit https://Qenek.ciri.com.

Please join us in welcoming Thom Holder as CIRI’s new vice president, Business Development and Operations.

Thom comes to CIRI from a 22-year career at Intel Corp. where he managed venture equity investments, merger and acquisition transitions, and product management and operational leadership roles. In his new role at CIRI he will help plan and oversee the Company’s investment strategy, and guide operations at CIRI and its subsidiaries.

Thom has spent his adult life in Boston, Munich, San Francisco and Portland, Ore. He returns to Alaska after having lived in Glennallen as a child. Thom is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and holds a Bachelor of Arts in finance law from Portland State University.

Welcome, Thom!
Land Management) and invited the region (representatives from CIRI) to fly with him around the Secretary’s (U.S. Secretary of the Interior) withdrawals. (CIRI Board members) Larry Diskoloff and Peter Ezi went along. The withdrawn acreage was inaccessible for even goats and sheep."

Four years later, rounds of negotiations with the state and federal governments led to the Cook Inlet Land Exchange, which enabled CIRI to acquire valuable land on the Kenai Peninsula and bid on out-of-region land selections, rather than settle for “mountaintops and glaciers.” Those parcels would help bolster CIRI’s financial foundation and make it possible for the company to weather tough times, continue to grow and eventually become one of Alaska’s most successful Alaska Native corporations.

Learn more about CIRI’s land story at www.ciri.com/our-lands/ourlandstory.

The latest episode of CIRIosity is available at www.ciri.com/ciriosity. Or you can subscribe to iTunes, high school are invited to apply for Take the Next Generation to and youth opportunities at www.ciri.com/nextgen.

The CIRI COJ program will be held Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 (an in-service/no-school day for the Anchorage School District) at the Fireweed Business Center in Anchorage. If there is sufficient interest from Kenai-based students, a second Kenai version of the CIRI COJ program will be held Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 (an in-service/no-school day for the Kenai Peninsula School District) at the Kenai Quality Inn.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, 2017. This year, one lucky COJ attendee will win an iPad Mini 2.

To apply, visit www.ciri.com/shareholders/ descendents/color-of-justice/.

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