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Hardin's UGA Parking Decks Get a Thumbs Up

Comprehensive review by KSi Structural Engineers yields favorable report

ATLANTA – August 11, 2009 — A structural design review of two parking decks under construction by Hardin Construction Company, LLC at the University of Georgia Athens gave both structures a favorable report.

“The design and construction of both decks is consistent with the standard of practice in the respective industries in the North Georgia region,” the reviewing company, KSi Structural Engineers, said in a letter accompanying its report to the UGA Real Estate Foundation. “No structural deficiencies that would pose risk to the public were found.”

KS*i* produced an in depth analysis that identifies several points that are, “common in precast concrete construction and will be resolved by the contractor prior to project completion.”

In an abundance of caution, Hardin Construction, the construction manager for both decks, offered to reimburse the University for the cost incurred for the independent engineer review as part of the Company's initial response to the partial collapse in June

of the Centergy parking facility in midtown Atlanta. That incident was the first of its kind in the Company's 63-year history.

The evaluation by KSi included the review of construction documents, precast concrete shop drawings, precast concrete design calculations, and other relevant documents, as well as a site observation of each deck—the Intramural Field Parking Deck and The Performing Arts Center Parking Deck.

“The KSi report is consistent with our expectations that the construction of both facilities was proceeding safely and according to designs,” said Hardin Chairman Brantley Barrow. “We are, nonetheless, pleased to have earned the endorsement of KSi, a third-party reviewer selected by the University. We look forward to completing both projects on time and on budget, and to delivering a superior product to the University.”

The project team also includes Timothy Haahs & Associates, the architect and the engineer of record, and Tindall Corporation, to whom Hardin subcontracted the design, manufacture, and erection of the precast structures.

The University of Georgia Intramural Field Parking Deck is scheduled for early completion in August 2009 and the Performing Arts Center Parking Deck is scheduled for completion in November 2009.

About Hardin Construction

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of safety and sustainable practices in its industry for years. With offices in Atlanta, Ga., Tampa, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, and renovation. A privately-held company, Hardin Construction provides these services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare, public assembly, governmental and institutional.

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