



J.S. Held Acquires Environmental Consulting Business U.S. HELM

Addition of Environmental Services Group Will Expand Service Offering

JERICHO, N.Y. and NEW ORLEANS, L.A. – September 29, 2016 – J.S. Held LLC, a leading, national, full service construction consulting firm, today announced the acquisition of U.S. Health and Environmental Liability Management, LLC (“U.S. HELM”). Tracey Dodd, founder and principal of U.S. HELM, joins J.S. Held as Executive Vice President and National Director of Health and Environmental Services. Financial terms of the private transaction were not disclosed.

U.S. HELM is a national leader in environmental risk assessment, corrective action, industrial hygiene, safety and environmental consulting. The company will operate as the “Health and Environmental Services” business practice group of J.S. Held, which will provide rapid response onsite services, environmental risk management, insurance and litigation support, property analysis, vulnerability assessments, and other services that minimize corporate liability concerns.

“The combination of our two strong, well-respected brands under one umbrella enables us to serve our clients with a broader range of service offerings,” said Jon Held, President and Chief Executive Officer of J.S. Held. “The proven capabilities of U.S. HELM’s extensive scope of environmental service offerings ensures we can meet the environmental and safety management needs of our clients to mitigate their risks while controlling losses.”

Dodd and Tom Sumner, a Principal at U.S. HELM, will assist with running the Health and Environmental Services business reporting to Adrian Frank, Executive Vice President of Corporate Operations at J.S. Held.

“J.S. Held and U.S. HELM share a commonality among clients and projects that is highly complementary, so we are very excited to join forces,” said Dodd. “We look forward to working closely with the team as we further expand our environmental, safety, and industrial hygiene consulting footprint throughout the U.S.”

High profile work performed by U.S. HELM includes assessing and managing complex spill response efforts and natural resource damage restoration efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, damage assessment and remediation design and oversight of the New Orleans Superdome and Convention Center following Hurricane Katrina, and the Mercy Regional Medical Center response efforts following the tornado in Joplin, Missouri.

This acquisition is the fourth acquisition J.S. Held has made since receiving a controlling investment in 2015 from Lovell Minnick Partners, a private equity firm specializing in investing in financial and related business services companies. Previous acquisitions include Lovett Silverman Construction Consultants, Inc., the Property Loss Division of Chroma Building Corp., and Wakelee Associates, LLC. J.S. Held now has 33 offices across the U.S. and Canada.

About J.S. Held

Established in 1974, J.S. Held is a leading construction consulting firm specializing in property damage consulting, construction claims consulting, project and program management and dispute resolution services. J.S. Held's consultants have provided their expertise on more than 100,000 commercial, industrial, high rise, special structures, governmental, residential, and infrastructure construction matters globally. The company serves its clients from over 30 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. For more information regarding J.S. Held, please visit www.jsheld.com.

About U.S. HELM

New Orleans-based U.S. HELM is one of the nation's leading providers of environmental risk identification, evaluation and mitigation services for the industrial, manufacturing, exploration and production, and transportation sectors. Founded in 2003, U.S. HELM offers demanding clients a wide array of environmental and industrial hygiene services including risk assessment, litigation support, regulatory compliance, process safety management, emergency response, homeland security, indoor and outdoor air quality and vegetative and ecosystem restoration. U.S. HELM has an extensive business footprint across the United States.

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