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## **Howard Perko, Ph.D., P.E. Joins Magnum Piering as Director of Engineering**

*Dr. Perko to Manage Newly Created Magnum Geo-Solutions, LLC  
& Direct Product Development & Engineering Support for Installers*

**April 14, 2009, West Chester, OH** – Magnum Piering, Inc., an industry leading manufacturer of helical piles, helical anchors and steel underpinning systems, is proud to announce that Howard A. Perko, Ph.D., P.E. recently joined the Magnum management team as Director of Engineering. Dr. Perko will manage the newly created Magnum Geo-Solutions, LLC - a specialty engineering and technical support company. His responsibilities will include design and testing of new products, dealer/contractor project support, design-build projects, value engineering proposals, educational seminars, and technical assistance to engineers and architects.

"Dr. Perko has worked with Magnum for over seven years under an exclusive consulting arrangement, and we could not be more pleased that he has decided to join our team on a full time basis," according to company Vice President, Bill Bonekemper.

"The demand for engineering design and support in our industry has grown consistently over this period, and we expect this trend to continue in the foreseeable future," Bonekemper added.

Dr. Perko has 16 years of professional engineering experience and holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Civil Engineering with Geotechnical/Foundation Engineering specialization from Colorado State University. He is a licensed professional engineer in 17 states and his project experience includes slope stability, excavation shoring, earth retention, underpinning, and foundations.

Dr. Perko's experience with helical piles started with one of the first commercial helical pile foundation quality assurance inspections in the Denver, CO area in 1994. Due to their speed of installation, versatility, and improved quality compared to small diameter augered piles, helical piles became one of Dr. Perko's life interests. He designed the Magnum helical pile product line, provided technical support and training to installers, coordinated helical pile product testing, and routinely conducted continuing education seminars on a nationwide basis. Additionally, Dr. Perko has authored over 30 technical papers relating to helical piles and helical anchors. He also serves on the *HelicalPierWorld.com* technical advisory board, and he is the current chairman of the Deep Foundation Institute Helical Foundations & Tiebacks Committee. Dr. Perko recently authored a textbook on helical piles - *Helical Piles: Practical Guide to Installation and Design*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY, U.S.A., that is due to be

released in the fall of this year. Prior to joining Magnum Piering full time, Dr. Perko was working as a principal engineer and division manager for CTL|Thompson, a leading geotechnical engineering and materials testing company with headquarters in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Perko will manage his time between two offices - Magnum Geo-Solutions division headquarters in Windsor, Colorado and Magnum Piering's world headquarters located in West Chester, Ohio, a northern suburb of Cincinnati.

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Magnum Piering, Inc. is headquartered in West Chester, Ohio and is one of the leading manufacturers of steel foundation systems. The company's major product lines include helical piles, push piers, and anchoring systems.

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