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## Press Release

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### **HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL TO PARTICIPATE IN DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOTT GLASS PLANT**

Mahwah, NJ: June 9, 2015 - HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL announced today they have been selected by SCHOTT North America, Inc. to facilitate in the demolition and recovery at the Duryea, Pennsylvania facility.

The plant was destroyed following a fire March 3, 2015. Over 200 firemen and 35 fire departments responded to a four alarm fire at SCHOTT's plant and warehouse. They fought the blaze for over 11 hours in dangerous weather conditions. The warehouse and part of the production facility was severely damaged. Fire investigators are currently sifting through the buildings.

SCHOTT's Duryea facility produces industrial and scientific glass products in North America as well as supply the U.S. Department of Defense and Homeland Security. SCHOTT's North America Research and Development Center is also located on the Duryea property.



HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL has been selected to complete both the recovery phase as well as selective and controlled demolition of the burned areas. David Hoehmann, President of HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL, stated, *"We are pleased to be a part of the clean-up operation for SCHOTT. My company is doing everything possible to ensure the selective and controlled demolition work is completed on time to allow for reconstruction to begin. We understand how important it is for the facility to get back to being fully functional and for people to get back to work. Our team is on site, working with SCHOTT personnel, completing the demolition phase."*

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#### **About HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL**

HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL is a full service contractor, specializing in all aspects of demolition, site development and environmental remediation of commercial properties. Our Management Team features industry leaders from the demolition, environmental and Brownfield development fields. With more than 100 years of cumulative experience that



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management team can offer companies fast, effective and cost efficient solutions to re-purposing your properties. Our unique experience allows us to understand our client's specific needs and work with them to overcome any challenge. Utilizing our own fleet of heavy equipment, we ensure safety and an on time performance schedule.

Highground Industrial is a full service site contracting company specializing in:

- Complete demolition services.
- Industrial buildings & plant facility decommissioning and dismantling
- Interior and exterior selective demolition.
- On and off- site concrete crushing, salvage and recycling.
- Site Work, excavation, backfill, compaction, utilities and grading.
- Complete environmental services
- Vapor Mitigation systems
- Complete Brownfield contracting services

The company is quickly becoming recognized as a trusted supplier of demolition & environmental services in the Northeast Corridor. More information about HIGHGROUND INDUSTRIAL can be found at [www.highgroundind.com](http://www.highgroundind.com).

### **About SCHOTT**

SCHOTT is a leading international technology group in the areas of specialty glass and glass ceramics.

The company has more than 130 years of outstanding development, materials, and technology expertise and offers a broad portfolio of high-quality products and intelligent solutions.

SCHOTT is an innovative enabler for many industries, including the home appliance, pharmaceutical, electronics, optics, automotive, and aviation industries. SCHOTT strives to play an important part of everyone's life and is committed to innovation and sustainable success. The group maintains a global presence with production sites and sales offices in 35 countries. With its workforce of approximately 15,400 employees, sales of \$2.55 billion were generated in fiscal year 2013/2014. [www.us.schott.com](http://www.us.schott.com)

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