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# Muck Haul at Mosaic Leaves Fresh Mining Opportunities

A 49-acre natural swamp at Hookers Prairie on the vast Mosaic property in southwest Polk County was the site for a major muck haul to prepare the land for phosphate mining. “Muck” is an organic, fertile material that is very difficult to handle due to its biologically moist and grubby behavior.



Cleared site ready for mining

The first step in the removal process, which began in late 2005, was to dig a 20-foot deep, approximately 7-foot wide rim ditch around the entire site with the purpose of de-watering. This ditch aided in drying out the muck as much as possible, thus making it easier to manage in the loading, hauling and stock piling process.

Led by the skilled and seasoned team of Foreman Tom Sauer, Superintendent Ed Rife and Project Manager Jon Hale, two to three 25-person crews designed and executed a 15-foot deep ‘channel-

slot’ excavating process that proved to be highly efficient and streamlined. Thanks to the superior expertise of Tom and his team, the job was completed in March 2006, ahead of schedule, under budget, and most importantly, with a perfect safety record.



49-acre site before Muck Haul process

## Save the Date for the Kimmins 3rd Annual Golf Classic

This year’s Kimmins Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at Walden Lakes Golf Course. The tournament will benefit Fore The Children, a non-profit organization that was founded in 2000 to run charitable events that

raise funds for pediatric cancer patients. Please save the date and visit our Website, [www.kimmins.com](http://www.kimmins.com), or contact Candice Agosto at (813) 248-3878 for information and sponsorship opportunities. We are looking forward to another successful event!

## Residential Growth in Pasco County

Rose Haven, a new residential subdivision in Pasco County, spans 17.7 acres and will have 63 lots for single-family homes. Kimmins was hired by the owners, Metro Developers, as the prime contractor to turn the raw territory into a viable residential land. The process began with a full clearing of the site and placement of all underground utilities – water, sewer and storm – in addition to building five retention ponds.

Having to deal with the wetlands in the area proved to be a unique challenge for on-site Superintendent Jim Webber and Project Manager Dario Muñoz. Whereas a normal par for the course sanitary system in Florida would be approximately seven to eight feet deep, the Rose



Haven property demanded a 20-foot deep placement. Traveling that far below the earth forced the team to deal with considerable underground water, which they handled with the use of pumps and well-point systems.

The job began in January 2006 with six to eight crews encompassing 48 people and 32 pieces of equip-

ment. Once the site and utility aspects of the job are completed, the team will switch gears to tackle the concrete and roadwork.

Phase I of II is set for completion in summer 2006.

## Kimmins and Tampa International Airport – Partners Again

For the third time in the new millennium, Kimmins has had the honor of being a part of the expansion and improvement at Tampa International Airport. In 2000, Kimmins demolished Airside E; Airside B and C were taken down in 2003. Now in 2006, Airside D, the last of the original Airsides, will be dismantled along with several other satellite buildings scattered throughout the property to keep pace with the phenomenal growth and exceptional service



for which the airport has become world renowned. Kimmins crews will go to work in the second half

of the year with anticipated completion before the year-end holiday season.

# Luxurious Development to Change the Face of Gandy/Westshore Area

In the fall of 2005, Kimmins sent three separate demolition crews, each with five men, to work simultaneously over a 55-acre parcel near Westshore and Gandy Boulevards. What was formerly The Imperial Yacht Club, consisting of over 500 boat slips, Misener Marine, the Hendry Corporation headquarters and Jimmy Mac's restaurant, was dismantled to make way for New Port, one of Tampa's largest master-planned communities and real estate development projects in recent history. This multi-phase residential, commercial and office development project will include 1,750 townhomes, condominiums, apartments, a community park, a renovated 200-slip marina with adjoining restaurants and shops, office buildings

and an extension of the Friendship Trail. Kimmins worked under contract for the general contractor, Skanska, and owner and developer, EcoGroup of Tampa.

Kimmins' Foreman Mike Rausenberg and Project Supervisor Jeff Michael oversaw the five-month project that entailed crushing all demolition debris on-site and recycling the concrete for use on future jobs. Once the dismantling was completed, the land was cleared and grubbed to prepare for the next phase – utility placement and rerouting of the storm water system, set to begin in late spring 2006.



'After' aerial photo of dismantled area



'Before' aerial photo of area

## Baycare Homecare Makes Way for Larger Facility

A difficult and potentially dangerous dismantling job at Baycare Homecare Outpatient Center, a division of Morton Plant Hospital in Seminole, proved to be no match for the Kimmins team of Foremen Jim Hertlein, Juan Ramirez, Mike Slatter, and Rick Hughes, who went about demolishing a two-story tilt-up, 37,000 sq. ft. structure sandwiched between two four-story buildings that were to remain intact. The job entailed removing twenty 28-foot concrete vertical panels, each weighing 38,000 lbs. with a 90-ton hydro-crane brought in specifically for this job. Once the panels were removed, a hydraulic hammer was used to crush them on-site. The panels made up approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of the build-

ing, while the other 27,000 sq. ft. was demolished conventionally for a total production of 1,440 cubic yards of recycled concrete and 182 cubic yards of recycled scrap.

Working for Graham Group of Des Moines, Iowa, Project Manager Jeff Meigs kept the foremen and crews in rotation to allow for as much widespread experience with this kind of dismantlement as possible. True to form, Jeff's team finished within a month, well ahead of the project budget and schedule. A new three-story building will be built on



The crew uses a crane and bulldozer to lift one of the wall panels.

the existing grounds to sustain the quality of the facility's care in the face of rapid growth.



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## Congratulations to Norbert Erysthee, Jr. USF Graduating Class of 2006

Norbert joined the Kimmins team in September 1997 as a truck technician and is currently supervisor of the night shift at the equipment shop. He oversees the daily fleet repairs and schedules maintenance services on over 350 pieces of heavy equipment.

Originally from the island of St. Croix, he moved to the U.S. mainland with his parents and five siblings. He is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Corporate Finance, as he "fell in love with his first finance class and enjoyed most finance related subjects." He also considered doing a minor in Psychology, with the Human Communication Skills class being another area of interest.

He cited his biggest challenges in obtaining his degree as remaining disciplined and focused, while sustaining a hectic school schedule and fitting in full-time productive work hours at Kimmins. On several occasions, he started his day after getting only three to four hours of sleep. Due to his incredible self-discipline and determination, he can now look back and see that the sacrifices he made were all well worth it.

"I would first like to thank the entire Kimmins organization for making this excellent opportunity available to me. It is a great feeling and honor to be part of an organization that, not only believes in and stands behind its employees, but also provides the necessary tools and resources needed to succeed," says Norbert. "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Mike



Norbert Erysthee, Jr.

O'Brien for all his support and for also allowing me a great deal of flexibility with my work schedule while pursuing my degree. Finally, I would like to say to all my fellow employees who are also currently taking advantage of this excellent opportunity, to remain positive, focused, and motivated. With Kimmins, there is a bright future ahead!"

The Kimmins family is honored and proud to have Norbert as an essential and special part of our team. We know his future is bright and his path to continued success well defined.