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Parkinson Construction Company under New Leadership

One of the most prominent construction companies in the Metropolitan Washington area is transitioning to new leadership in the new year. Nigel Parkinson, founder and owner of Parkinson Construction Company (PCC), announced that Donato Clay is the newly named CEO and President, Remyi Cole is the new COO, and long-time PCC employee Thivanka Thilakarathna is Executive Vice President for Construction Management. Founded in the mid-1980s, PCC is the largest African American-owned self-performing commercial construction company in the DMV (District-Virginia-Maryland region), having participated in building notable landmark structures through the decades.

Donato Clay has demonstrated expertise in planning and managing organizations, goal setting, fostering change and improving financial standings. He has served as COO, Director of Divisional Operations, Regional Operations Director and Operations Manager with various organizations within the health services arena, including Veterans Benefits Guide, Cedars-Sinai Medical Network, and Davita Kidney Care.

Mr. Clay served as Reservist Senior Defense Counsel, Trial Defense Services, with the Army National Guard. He received a Bronze Star Medal for efforts during deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. He earned a BA at Whittier College, a JD at Southwestern University School of Law, an MPH at UCLA, and an MBA at Yale University.

Remyi Cole has significant experience serving as Chief Technology Officer, including coordinating with project managers and system engineers, developing IT strategies, and creating and integrating data-driven solutions. He earned his BS in computer science at University of Houston and serves as a mentor in the university's Small Business Development program.

Thivanka Thilakarathna, BS, Civil Engineering, has years of experience in the construction/masonry area with proven ability to direct field operations under demanding deadlines with a project portfolio that includes extremely complex public facility construction jobs in unique environments such as airports, stadiums, treatment plants and complex federal projects. Mr. Thilakarathna's hands-on approach is appreciated by owners, consultants and other contractors on virtually every project he works on, due to his problem-solving ability and his "we can do this" attitude.

Mr. Parkinson expressed his delight at ushering in new leadership: "The future of Parkinson Construction is bright indeed, with such visionary leaders who are supple and savvy. They are well suited to face 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges and continue to grow PCC. There will always be a need for impressive structures that will stand the test of time."

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