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ONECT ANNOUNCES NEW MOMENT CONNECTIONS DURING AISC'S 2018 STEELDAYS

Connection design and optimization leader unveils new top and bottom moment connections that provide fast, intelligent solutions to the steel industry

[HADLEY, MA, September 30, 2018] - Qnect, the steel industry's leading connection design and optimization solution, today <u>introduced new capabilities</u> built to enhance the connection portfolio while providing customers with a never before opportunity to optimize top and bottom moment connections in their 3D model.

"The last few years, fabricators and engineers, as well as a few savvy general contractors, have increased their optimization requirements," says Qnect CEO, Jef Sharp. "And Qnect has responded not only with the fastest and lowest cost (all in) connection design software but also with a robust and growing portfolio of connections. Today, we are excited to announce moments as the latest addition to our continually growing portfolio."

Top and bottom moment plate connections and moment plates with consideration for deck support

With the pressures of construction costs, design fees and design and construction schedules, Qnect understands that the responsibility of connection design is often delegated by the EOR to someone else. When using Qnect, all connections meet or exceed AISC code and produce detailed reports that are quick and easy to review.

Testing was completed recently by Meyer Borgman Johnson (MBJ), a leading structural engineer firm based in Minneapolis. MBJ put these new capabilities through a thorough test. "We are proud to be a part of this new moment connection release by Qnect," said Jerod Hoffman, PE and President of MBJ. "MBJ provided an extra layer of quality control by peer reviewing these connections. We are looking forward to using these new moment connections on our next project!"

Works with mandated and delegated connection design

For those who work with mandated connection designs, they will appreciate Qnect's flexibility to set the new moment connection capability with the user-defined Preferences. Mimicking the EOR's design allows steel detailers, fabricators and others to connect quickly and intelligently.

For those who work in delegated connection design arrangements, they will have the added benefit of optimizing the connections to produce the most effective, most efficient and most accurate models.

"We have customers with mandated connection design arrangements that provide the EOR with Qnect reports showing the savings that Onect's optimization provides" says Henry Lederman, Qnect's CSO. "It's not uncommon for the EOR to accept Qnect's engineering, resulting in a win-win situation; something Qnect strives for in each and every project."

Customer and Managing Partner of <u>Hatfield Group</u>, Erleen Hatfield, PE, AIA said, "Qnect has delivered what the market has been asking for - optimized moment connections. <u>Expanding the Qnect portfolio</u>, with quality and tested connections, contributes to the structural workflow in ways that adds efficiency and reduces schedule uncertainty."

About Qnect, LLC

Qnect, the optimization company, delivers fast, intelligent, cloud-based connection software (SaaS) for steel detailers, fabricators, owners and engineers who seek efficiency, quality, increased profits and better managed schedules. Qnect's QuickQnect™ software service automates structural steel connection design, providing early data and the most efficient connections available in the steel industry.