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COLLINS ACQUIRES MACINTOSH ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT CO.

June 1, 2006—**Collins Engineers, Inc.** a Chicago-based engineering firm, has acquired the offices of MacIntosh Engineering and Development Co. of Auburn, California. MacIntosh is a civil engineering firm that specializes in the design of earth retention systems.

This acquisition brings to Collins extensive experience in the design of permanent and temporary retaining walls including cantilever and tied-back sheet pile, mechanically stabilized earth systems, soil nail, soldier pile and lagging, slurry and sound walls, as well as more traditional wall systems.

Mr. Ollie MacIntosh, P.E. will serve as the Regional Manager and Mr. Tom A. Jepsen, P.E. will serve as Senior Project Manager for Collins' California operation. Together, Ollie and Tom bring more than 55 years of experience in the design of permanent and temporary earth structures.

Thomas J. Collins, President of Collins, said the acquisition will allow the company to "expand our presence on the West Coast and provide greater value and resources to our clients."

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Founded in Chicago in 1979, Collins Engineers, Inc. is a civil and structural engineering firm with nine offices in the United States, and one in Dublin, Ireland. Collins provides design and analysis services coupled with field experience to the transportation, marine, and construction industries. Collins' insistence on obtaining firsthand knowledge means that our engineers are on the project from start to finish, from the initial on-site inspection to the design of repairs, from performing the construction administration to following up with construction inspection. Such practical experience provides a unique and customized approach in the development of solutions, and provides continuity for our clients. Not only does Collins incorporate this valuable knowledge into engineering services, we apply it to the advancement of the industry as a whole. Collins regularly authors manuals in conjunction with participating in the implementation of industry protocol, nationally and internationally. Continually on the leading edge of standards and methodology, Collins provides engineering ingenuity and solutions to complex problems, and realistic, honest answers.