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**MCNARY BERGERON & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE BRIDGE DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CARMEL TUNNEL  
PROJECT IN HAIFA, ISRAEL**

Westminster, CO – March 21, 2006 – McNary Bergeron & Associates, LLC will collaborate with Zachoot Engineering to design segmental bridges and provide construction engineering services for the Rupin Interchange in Haifa, Israel. Work begins immediately and is anticipated to be completed later this year. The Rupin Interchange is an integral part of the \$300 million Carmel Tunnel project, a joint venture a joint venture between Ashtrom Engineering & Construction, Ltd. and Solel Boneh Ltd.

The Carmel Tunnel project will alleviate traffic congestion in central Haifa by allowing vehicles to bypass the central part of the city. The \$300 million project consists of two 5-km long tunnels through Mount Carmel, 5 conventional bridges, 6 segmental bridges, and 11 kilometers

of roads which will link the tunnels to Israel's highway system. Financing for the build-operate-transfer (BOT) project was finalized with the Carmelton Group in February 2006. Construction begins immediately and the entire project is expected to be completed in 2010.

Under terms of the agreement, McNary Bergeron will partner with Zachoot Engineering of Tel Aviv, Israel to design all of the segmental bridges as well as provide construction engineering services for the Rupin Interchange. The two engineering firms have a history of successful collaborative efforts, most recently on the Glilote bridge near Tel Aviv, a segmental flyover structure linking Israel's busiest north-south and east-west highways. "As with the Glilote bridge, we need to minimize the impact of construction to the surrounding area," said Zion Zachoot, president of Zachoot Engineering, "The site of the Rupin Interchange is rugged and environmentally sensitive. McNary Bergeron are experts at developing bridge designs that meet the structural requirements yet also address the contractor's constraints."

McNary Bergeron & Associates provides design and engineering services for complex bridge construction projects. Its Engineered Construction® methodology helps provide owners, designers, and contractors with optimized design and construction plans for large-scale bridges . With over fifty years of experience combined, the McNary Bergeron team of structural engineers has contributed to high-profile bridge design and construction projects in North America, Asia, Europe, and Australia. For more information, contact W. Scott McNary at (303)450-6900 or Jim Bergeron at (860)388-2267.

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