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An 8-M\$ Contract in Algeria for Teknika HBA

May 21, 2008 – Les Laboratoires Shermont, members of Teknika HBA, were awarded an 8-M\$ contract to conduct the management of external control activities on behalf of Consortium Japonais pour l'Autoroute Algérienne (COJAAL). This consortium obtained a mandate for the construction of the Trans-Algerian Highway, East section, between Bordj Bou Arreridj and the Tunisian border, that is, over 400 km. This external control mandate, in support to internal control, aims at ensuring that works executed by COJAAL conform to the agreement signed between the consortium and the Algerian Government. More specifically, external control ensures, among others, through tests and analyses, the compliance of materials such as aggregates, bituminous concrete and concrete incorporated into the construction of over 400 km of highway.

This two-year contract shall involve several professionals, both from Teknika HBA and Les Laboratoires Shermont, specialized in quality management and soil and materials analyses. This mandate shall have positive feedbacks for several Québec regions. In addition to the participation of employees from different offices, this project shall require the hiring of additional resources.

«This is the third major mandate for Teknika HBA and the first one for Les Laboratoires Shermont in Algeria. This market is in effervescence and we are proud to bring our expertise, more specifically in quality management and soil and materials analysis since this contract demonstrates the quality of our services and our know-how is acknowledged on the international scene. Finally, this new partnership with a Japanese firm opens other doors on possible international collaborations: the future looks very promising for our team.», indicated Mr. Wilfrid Morin, president and CEO of Teknika HBA.

This year, the firm celebrates 80 years of achievements and growth. More than ever, the future looks promising for Teknika HBA with several major contracts on the international scene and a quite full order book for all its Québec offices.

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