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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The construction year has ended with a flourish. We have had a great November and a good December. In November, the company has its highest one month revenue ever. In December, we finished all of the SHA paving work and we started work on the MD 404 Bypass project. We even got 10,000 tons of asphalt production in one week in December.

All in all, 2005 was a good year for the company. The paving crews had an excellent year. We were able to finish all the State work we expected to by the end of the year. All three plants made over 100,000 tons of mix which has never before happened. We received compaction and ride bonuses on the majority of our State projects, which was a tribute to both the plants and the laydown crews.

The grading and utility crews have had a busy season as well, with an equal amount of public and private work. We did not finish many projects, but we are in a good

position to finish them next year. The bulk of the major grading is finished at Symphony Village and we will continue the utility work thru the winter. The same situation is true at Deep Harbor. The Pond at Church Hill has the utility work completed so all we need to do is place the base course and pave next year. At Coventry, we have completed Phase 1 utilities and just need to place the base course, curb and gutter, and pave. We are finished rough grading on Phase 2 and are working on the utilities.

We have a long list of work that is in progress for SHA and several smaller jobs that we have gotten, but not started. In Cecil County, we are waiting on SHA for the redesign of the weigh station to continue work there. We were also low bidder on a salt storage building in Elkton that will start in the spring. In Kent County, we have to mill and overlay MD 213 in Chestertown next spring. We were also low bidder on improving the intersection of MD 291 and MD 20 in Chestertown. In Queen Anne's County, we have the J Turns at US 301 and MD 544 to complete and we were low bidder on a park and ride lot on US 301 at MD 300.

In Caroline County, we have the MD 404 Bypass dualization to work on, which will be a major effort next year. We also have a salt storage building to build in Denton. In Worcester County, we have the dualization of

US 113 near Snow Hill to complete. We have completed the rough grading this fall and are awaiting plan approval to start the second phase in the spring. In Anne Arundel County, we have finished the pipe work for the Maryland Transportation Authority at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and we are ready to start the concrete work.

The other major project that we need to work on this winter is the force main project in Easton. We just received the pipe to begin this work in December. This job will be a major focus over the winter, because it must be finished by April.

As you can see, we have had a very busy year and have a lot to start on in the spring. If we get some paving projects to add to our work load, we should have a good year again next year. I would like to congratulate all of you for your hard work and effort this year, and to say **THANK YOU**, once again for your efforts.



FIRM HAPPENINGS

The semi-annual Supervisors' Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13th, 2006. The meeting will be held at the American Legion in Chestertown, MD. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 A.M. Coffee and donuts will be served at 7:30 A.M. and lunch is included.

Congratulations to Dee Dorsey and his crew for their hard work on the

Rock Hall Streetscape project. We have been nominated for an Award of Excellence for that project, which will be presented at the MDQI dinner in Baltimore on January 19, 2006.

A CONTRACTOR IN HEAVEN

A contractor dies on his 40th birthday and finds himself greeted at the Pearly Gates by a brass band.

Saint Peter runs over, shakes his hand and says, "Congratulations."

"Congratulations for what?" asks the contractor.

"Congratulations for what?" says Saint Peter. "We are celebrating the fact that you lived to be 160 years old."

"But that's not true," says the contractor. "I only lived to be forty."

"That's impossible," says Saint Peter, "we added up your time sheets."