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Rooney Retires; Coburn appointed President and CEO

R&M CONSULTANTS, INC. (R&M) announces that founding partner **James W. Rooney, P.E.** has retired as President of R&M effective June 12, 2006.

Mr. Rooney's long and distinguished career in Alaska included work on some of the state's most significant projects. His work included participating in the initial geotechnical studies and route selection for the Trans Alaska Pipeline System and in the design of the first 55-mile haul road segment; geotechnical field studies and design of support facilities for the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project; and the reconstruction of MP 54.8 to 59.3 of the Seward Highway, including the award-winning Canyon Creek Bridge.

Mr. Rooney will continue to serve as a special geotechnical consultant on R&M projects. R&M will be hosting a reception this fall to honor Mr. Rooney and his considerable contributions to R&M and Alaska's engineering community.

After serving as a member of R&M's management team in the role of Chief Operating and Financial Officer since October 2002, **Robert Bret Coburn** has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Coburn's professional experience includes 25 years of involvement in engineering, land development, construction and finance. Prior to joining R&M, he was employed by the St. George Tanaq Corporation. Beginning in 1983, he held a variety of management positions with St. George Tanaq, including Chief Executive Officer and President. Mr. Coburn also served as President of St. George Chadux Corporation, a 100% wholly-owned subsidiary of the St. George Tanaq Corporation. Mr. Coburn holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and an MBA with an emphasis in Finance, both from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

In addition to Mr. Coburn, R&M operates under the principal leadership of Lendle C. Story, PLS, Charles H. Riddle, C.P.G., Rickey P. Bennett, PLS, Frank D. Rast, P.E., and Duane H. Anderson, P.E.

Founded in Alaska in 1969, R&M offers engineering, surveying and mapping, earth sciences and construction services, which includes construction administration, materials testing and special inspection.

