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Environmental Remediation of The Peninsula Complete

Bayonne, NJ – December 21, 2005—The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) announced that environmental remediation at the former Military Ocean Terminal is complete and the next phase of redevelopment — building the infrastructure for the first of six districts at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor — is expected to begin in early 2006. Cleanup of The Peninsula took 2 1/2 years, several years less than the Army Corps of Engineers originally predicted, and under the direction of the BLRA, was completed on budget and ahead of schedule.

When Bayonne took possession of the former U.S. Army base in 2001 and 2002, roughly one third — 130 acres, or an area larger than Hudson County Park — required environmental remediation that included placing soil and asphalt caps over contaminated areas, excavating and removing tons of contaminated soil and replacing it with clean soil, and closing and capping a 28-acre landfill. According the BLRA Executive Director Nancy Kist, remediation of The Peninsula was funded through an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) signed by the BLRA and U.S Army in 2001. At the time, Bayonne was the first community to negotiate an agreement where the Army

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financed \$11.6 million for the cleanup and the BLRA took charge of the required projects.

“The City of Bayonne already had a lot of experience with environmental remediation of contaminated sites — much of it similar to the type of contamination we encountered at the Military Ocean Terminal,” said Kist. “It was important that we take control of the project because we knew we could complete the job more efficiently and economically.”

Excel Environmental Resources of North Brunswick advised the BLRA on the project and oversaw much of the environmental remediation.

“The conditions were pretty straightforward,” said Lawra J. Dodge, President of Excel. “With any environmental remediation, there are always some surprises. But we planned ahead and anticipated what we would encounter in certain areas and were always prepared to address it. In my view it was a seamless success — but these types of remediations are always more successful when engineer and client work as an integrated team.”

“This is a significant milestone in the redevelopment of The Peninsula and in reconnecting Bayonne with its eastern waterfront,” said Mayor Joseph V. Doria, Jr. “The BLRA accomplished in 2 1/2 years what the Army Corps of Engineers said would take seven. The proactive management they’ve demonstrated will serve us well, as we move into the next phase of construction.”

Earlier this year the BLRA designated Fidelco Bayonne Realty to build out the “Harbor Station District,” the first of six distinct districts, which will consist of mid-rise

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housing, office and commercial space and civic facilities. Demolition of Goldsborough Village, the former military housing complex, is underway and the groundbreaking for Harbor Station is planned for early in 2006.

Award-winning plans for The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor call for a vibrant mixed-use waterfront development plan comprised of residential, commercial and office space. The site will feature marinas, ferry service and more than two miles of waterfront walkway on New York Harbor and numerous recreational areas with parks and playgrounds. For more information about The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority, please visit www.bayonnenj.org/blra.