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Construction Rollup: Project Starts, Completions

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division has completed 3,825 construction projects as of Feb. 9, 2007, with a total of 4,035 construction projects planned.

Currently, there are 802 construction projects ongoing – all funded through the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund, the Development Fund for Iraq, the Commander's Emergency Response Program, the Economic Support Fund and the Iraq Security Forces Fund. Previous construction rollups included only IRRF and DFI projects, this and future roll-ups will include GRD projects under all funding programs.

One project completed in the past two weeks is the renovation of the Al Muatham Petrol Station in Baghdad Province. The \$35,000 project included upgraded equipment, the placement of T-walls for security at the entrance and exit ramps. More than 13,000 Rusafa residents are expected to have access to the newly improved station.

Another completed project in Baghdad is the Mahmoudiyah Market rehabilitation project (pictured). The \$245,000 project upgraded doors, windows and constructed new market stalls with roofs. About 100,000 residents utilize the market, which offers local farmers a better environment in which to sell their wares.

Three electrical distribution projects



were completed in Maysan Province in the past two weeks. The projects – Amarah East (\$483,000), Al Askari/Al Quids (\$355,000) and Amarah West (\$578,000) – constructed and installed electrical distribution networks in each of the neighborhoods, which will benefit more than 50,000 residents.

"The Gulf Region Division is committed to helping the Government of Iraq meet the needs of its people," said Brig. Gen. Michael Walsh, commander of the Gulf Region Division. "By continuing to oversee quality construction projects throughout the country, GRD is ensuring that the citizens of Iraq will have a solid foundation of essential services to build upon."

The results of these efforts have improved the quality of life for all Iraqis:

- Due to added capacity and normal operation and maintenances of systems, electrical generation is at 3,611 megawatts, serving more than 300,000 homes with an end goal of 6,000 MW and 1.3 million homes served. Electrical generation megawatts are dynamic, owing to interdiction of lines by insurgents and unscheduled maintenance.

- Potable water is at 434k m³/day with 2.2 million people affected with an end goal of 1,136k m³/day and an end goal of 5.2 million people affected.

Crude oil production is at 2.5 million barrels per day with an end goal of 3 million BPD.

Throughout Iraq, U.S. government ongoing projects contribute to the ever-improving quality of life and economic stability – helping provide the foundation for the country to build upon as it overcomes a generation of neglect.

Note: For additional information, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division by calling 540-665-5339 or emailing cegrd.pao@tac01.usace.army.mil for more information on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq, visit www.grd.usace.army.mil.