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ENGINEERING FIRM RETAINED FOR WATERFRONT MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT IN OAKLAND

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—January 9, 2002—**Oakland Harbor Partners, LLC** retained **Lowney Associates** for environmental services for the redevelopment of 60 waterfront acres in Oakland's Oak Street to 9th Street district.

The property was historically used for maritime and industrial purposes, including shipping terminals, dry docks, a power plant, and marinas. Lowney is reviewing previous investigations by the **Port of Oakland** and historical data to evaluate environmental constraints to redeveloping the site. Lowney will help identify areas that appear acceptable for development with minimal environmental cleanup. This approach will help the client expedite return on investment while other areas of the property are cleaned up.

The Oak-to-Ninth waterfront redevelopment is a mixed-use concept. Preliminary plans include the development of retail and marine services, live-work lofts, galleries, a residential neighborhood, and promenades with public access to the shoreline.

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Founded in Santa Clara County in 1969, Lowney Associates provides geotechnical and environmental engineering services. The firm specializes in earthwork construction, environmental site assessments and cleanups, and construction services. With office locations in Mountain View, Oakland, San Ramon and Fullerton, Lowney provides services throughout California and the West.