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ENGINEERING MAXIMIZES SPACE FOR NEW HILLSIDE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—February 4, 2002— Lowney Associates' engineering recommendations are maximizing the buildable area of KB Home's 130-acre residential development in San Jose.

Lowney is providing geotechnical engineering and geologic services including geotechnical observation and testing during construction of KB Home's Tuscan Hills. Two- to three-story town homes, up to 2,356 square feet each, are planned for the hillsides of San Jose's Communication Hill. Lowney recommended the use of Tensar Geogrid to reinforce selected cut and fill slopes. Geogrid allows construction of steeper slopes in safer, more stable configurations, creating more buildable area.

Lowney's design recommendations also allowed KB Home to build on steeper slopes than originally planned and helped hillsides comply with the Uniform Building Code (UBC). Currently, Lowney is observing retaining wall construction, subgrade preparation, and sub-drain installation for planned slopes, walkways, and building pads. KB Home plans to open the Tuscan Hills development for information on February 23, 2002. Model homes are scheduled to open April 27, 2002.

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