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**** Tom Box President of Box International Addresses American Institute Enterprise
Regarding Reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan****

RICHARDSON, TEXAS. April 7, 2008. Box International Consulting, LP announced today that its President, Tom Box, made a presentation to the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. on April 3, 2008 regarding the challenges of coordination between the private sector and the U.S. Government in the reconstruction and development of infrastructure needed in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as in other emerging markets and transitional economies.

Mr. Box was invited to headline the discussion by Mr. Mauro De Lorenzo, Resident Fellow with the American Enterprise Institute who researches policy and defense matters focusing on overseas development policy.

Due to a priority of the U.S. Government to work more closely and effectively with the U.S. private sector, a number of high ranking representatives from numerous U.S. government agencies, think tanks, and advocacy organizations were in attendance, including the Departments of State, Commerce, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the White House.

The address included discussion of the challenges experienced by Box International in working to improve and rehabilitate the cement sectors in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2003 to 2006, and what can be done by both the U.S. Government and the private sector to achieve better coordination in obtaining more developmental progress and better results.

“There is a great deal of interest in the U.S. Government to make significant advances in how infrastructure development and construction can be expedited and implemented, and to identify the mechanisms in which the public and private sector can responsibly increase coordination and efficiency to successfully address the challenges of a dynamic global community in a strategically relevant context,” Tom Box said.

Policy priorities such as U.S. programs to counter act the effects of poverty and famine on developing countries were addressed, as well as the means to more efficiently implement long term strategic developmental initiatives that result in stimulating economic growth and development in transitional economies.

Box International Consulting, LP is a cement industry consulting firm located in Richardson, Texas, and is currently involved with various projects located throughout North America and most recently has completed projects in Post-Saddam Iraq, Ireland and Afghanistan as well as various other international cement markets.

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