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Barnhart, Inc. Completes \$25-Million Parking Structure for San Diego Mesa College

SAN DIEGO – Barnhart, Inc. and San Diego Mesa College have officially opened a new parking facility that is part of the \$25-million Mesa College East Campus Improvements project at the campus's east entrance on Mesa College Drive. San Diego Community College District leaders, Mesa College administrators, students and guests gathered to celebrate the opening of the parking structure, which will serve the approximately 22,000 students who annually attend Mesa, one of the largest community colleges in the region and the nation.

The San Diego Mesa College Parking Structure is five tiers high and offers 1,052 parking spaces. The parking structure incorporates a number of green building design features, including photovoltaic panels on the roof that will provide energy for the new police station and Allied Health Building, both set to open later this year, and a landscape plan that utilizes a water-efficient irrigation system and low-water-use plants. Construction on the structure began in December 2007 and was completed in 15 months.

Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker, a San Diego-based firm, provided architectural services for the project.

This facility was funded through Proposition S, a \$685-million construction bond passed by San Diego voters in 2002.

The parking structure is the principal component of a three-project contract Barnhart is working on as a general contractor on the campus. Other projects include an East Campus road realignment and a 6,700-square-foot police station for the campus police.

Barnhart's project team includes Shannon Brown, project manager, Ken Bingham, project superintendent, and Katy Johnson, field engineer. The project team is overseen by Sumeet Gadi, senior vice president.

Barnhart, Inc. (www.barnhartinc.com), headquartered in San Diego, Calif., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Heery International, a 1,500-person architecture, interior design, engineering, facility management, program management and construction management firm. Barnhart and Heery combined represent the fourth-largest educational builder in the nation, according to Engineering News Record magazine.