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## AES Turns Over Milestone MILCON Project

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan, Sept. 23, 2010 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District - South (AES), together with Col. Henk Bank, Chief of Staff for Commander, Kandahar Airfield, participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 19 as part of the turnover for Entry Control Point (ECP) 5, on Kandahar Air Field, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Valued at over \$8 million, this military construction (MILCON) project will enhance base operations in many ways, including delivery of supplies, materials, as well as more efficient egress, all in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Corps' senior leadership in attendance included District Commander Col. Anthony C. Funkhouser, District Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Martha E. Kiene, Command Sgt. Maj. Rickie Virgil, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Mr. Michael Scarano, and Engineering and Construction Chief Mr. John Adams.

“ECP 5 is a new chapter in the history of KAF,” said Funkhouser. “This project will greatly support the operating ability of KAF, particularly as the base expands. ECP 5 is also a milestone project for AES, as it is the first MILCON project the district is turning over.”

“Being on a NATO base with multi-nation users and operators makes for a very unique condition,” said Kiene. “The Corps has had to maintain a balance in meeting customer expectations, satisfying user needs, and staying within the parameters of MILCON guidelines.”

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Funkhouser added, “In addition to serving the needs of the mission and base operations, ECP 5 is a symbol of collaboration. It is collaboration among our personnel, both Military and Civilian, our COMKAF partners, the contractor for this project, METAG İnşaat Ticaret A.Ş., and their crew who worked hard to make this project a reality. We extend both our thanks and our congratulations to all those involved with this project.”



Col. Henk Bank (right) addresses attendees at a ribbon-cutting for ECP 5, which is the first MILCON project on Kandahar Air Field turned over by AES.