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**PREIN&NEWHOF CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF BUSINESS IN WEST MICHIGAN**

*Founder Thomas Newhof credits long-term relationships with clients and staff.*

GRAND RAPIDS, May 4, 2009. Prein&Newhof is pleased to announce its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. Because of the firm's dedication to long-term relationships, the firm still works with a number of the communities it began serving in the 1970s. In fact, 30% of the firm's current clients – including 44 West Michigan municipalities – have been working with P&N for two decades or longer.

“The longer we work with a community, the better we can understand how their system works, how their community will grow, and what will serve them best,” said P&N President **James Cook, P.E.**

P&N also values long-term employee relationships. At the recent Annual Stockholders Meeting, firm co-founder **Thomas Newhof, P.E.**, told company shareholder—all Prein&Newhof employees—that he feels blessed to have been able to attend all 40 of the company's annual meetings.

Tom Newhof still works full-time as an engineer and project manager, and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He presided over the meeting, reviewing the company's previous year and introducing the company's goals for the coming year. Newhof noted that despite the difficult economy, the company performed well last year. He credited strong clients, P&N President Jim Cook, and high-level performance by Prein&Newhof's employees.

Prein&Newhof is a full-service civil engineering firm that employs 90 full-time personnel including engineers, surveyors, drafters, geologists, chemists, communication specialists and support staff. In addition to its offices in Grand Rapids, Holland, Byron Center, Muskegon and Kalamazoo, the firm also maintains its own environmental laboratory adjacent to its headquarters in Grand Rapids.

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