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Acrow Bridge Celebrates Decades-Long Commitment to Helping Africa Build Strong, Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure

(Parsippany, New Jersey) – 19 June 2013 – [Acrow Bridge](#), a leading international bridge engineering and supply company, is celebrating its decades-long commitment to working with government ministries and agencies, international aid organizations and private contractors to help African nations address diverse infrastructure needs. To date, thousands of Acrow bridges connect people and communities across Africa, improving access to schools, hospitals and greater economic opportunity. Acrow has also trained hundreds of African engineers and contractors in bridge assembly, installation and maintenance, and arranged financing for numerous large-scale bridge development projects.

“The different African nations, each with its own system of infrastructure, together span a region roughly five times the size of the United States,” said Paul Sullivan, Director of International Business Development at Acrow. “Wonderfully diverse and complex, the African continent is a relatively untapped market offering limitless potential, with growth rates in some countries among the highest in the world. We at Acrow are inspired and honored to be a part of the transformation rapidly taking place there.”

Through its Comprehensive Bridge Development Program, Acrow has worked on a number of large infrastructure development projects in Africa, including the recent supply of more than 150 bridges to the Government of Angola and 100 bridges to the Department of Feeder Roads in Ghana. Key features of the Acrow program include:

- **Quick turnaround** – Acrow is set up to supply large quantities of its prefabricated, modular steel bridging solutions within a short time frame to anywhere in the world.
- **Technical training** – Acrow provides both private and public sector infrastructure development customers with a unique training opportunity to receive critical knowledge and skills transfer. Graduates of the two- to three-week training program gain the technical skills they need to not only participate in bridge assembly and installation, but also to manage future maintenance of these critical infrastructure assets.
- **On-site technical assistance** – In an Acrow bridge installation, customers generally prefer to use local labor. Acrow provides a dedicated on-site engineer to oversee each installation, working side-by-side with the customer’s local assembly crew.

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- **Financing** – Leveraging a global network of financial institutions and other sources of capital, Acrow arranges financing for qualified bridge projects, working with export credit agencies to ensure the most competitive terms available.

Acrow's prefabricated steel bridges are well-suited for infrastructure development projects, as they offer a number of advantages over other types of bridges. Their modular design allows for the easy customization of each bridge to meet specific requirements as well as fast installation in one to four weeks using local labor and minimal heavy equipment, which often enables bridges to be erected in challenging locations where none had existed before. Using only galvanized steel components, Acrow bridges are durable and permanent infrastructure solutions designed to withstand even the most rugged of conditions.

Promoting growth and prosperity

As part of Acrow's long-term commitment to the economic development of the region, Mr. Sullivan currently chairs the Infrastructure Group of [The Corporate Council on Africa](#), which recently released its policy recommendations on Africa for the Obama Administration's second term. The non-profit organization's members represent nearly 85 percent of total U.S. private sector investments in Africa. Mr. Sullivan was also part of a U.S. trade delegation that met with the Government of Nigeria in March to discuss infrastructure development plans.

"Strong infrastructure is fundamental to competitiveness, stability and sustainable economic growth anywhere in the world," said Bill Killeen, president and CEO of Acrow. "Reliable, quality infrastructure requires a long-term partnership between the public and private sectors. In our experience, the relationships that we have established with different African nations over the years have resulted in some of our most gratifying achievements as a company, as our bridges help connect people and communities in ways that support the expansion of prosperity for individuals, businesses and governments."

About Acrow Bridge

Acrow Bridge has been serving the transportation and construction industries for more than 60 years with a full line of modular steel bridging solutions for vehicle, rail, vessel, military and pedestrian use. For more information, please visit www.acrow.com.

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