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KBDJ CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN ROAD MATERIAL TEST

KBDJ quarry, located near Buda, has been asked to provide crushed rock for a research project on State Highway 130 to test different road base materials with the goal of producing a more durable, longer lasting road.

“KBDJ is pleased to be able to participate in this research project,” said Kirsten Voinis, KBDJ spokesperson. “Researchers and construction companies must work together to build the best roads possible, as Texas undertakes the largest road building push in the state’s history. These roads are a huge investment, and they must be built to meet Texans needs for many years.”

KBDJ is supplying material for the research study on flexible bases to Industrial Asphalt Inc., which has a contract with Lone Star Infrastructure, which is building SH 130 in Central Texas. KBDJ is supplying road base for a segment of this project. To participate in the study, KBDJ crushed and supplied a specific type of road base material to be applied on one of four, 500-foot long test stretches of road.

The material is targeted to be installed on the test roadway in June. The four stretches will undergo field and laboratory testing under differing conditions during the roadway’s construction as well as under actual traffic loading once the roadway opens.

The research study is being conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation and the International Center for Aggregates Research (ICAR), a joint operation of the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

One component of the research is to build a test section in Segment 3 of SH 130 using a maximum of 2,000 tons of large stone aggregate. KBDJ is crushing this rock for Industrial Asphalt and, in turn, Lone Star Infrastructure.

The four test sites are along an access road on the west side of the right-of-way, immediately north of FM 969, according to ICAR. Sensors and other instruments will be installed in each section to test various characteristics of the different materials, such as horizontal and vertical stiffness, as well as moisture content.

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