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Laco and Associates goes international

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Local engineering firm Laco Associates, Consulting Engineers, Geologists and Environmental Specialists has now gone international after having been recently contracted to participate in a seismic fault investigation on Sakhalin Island, Russia.

Senior Geologist **Giovanni Vadurro** will be collaborating with former Humboldt State University Geology Professor Gary Carver to identify and characterize active faults.

Laco and Associates is contracting with the international firm ABS Consultants to do the work. Vadurro left this past weekend and will be gone for approximately three weeks.

The job includes looking at faults to see how active they are, and what hazards they would pose to a proposed pipeline project in the area.

Sakhalin Island is off the eastern coast of Russia, about 50 miles north of Japan.

Vadurro has been employed as a geologist at Laco Associates since 1997, conducting numerous geologic and soils investigations in the North Coast region. He is a registered geologist in the state of California and a graduate of Humboldt State University.

For 50 years, Laco has provided consulting services in the areas of engineering, geology and environmental engineering. It has roughly 45 employees.

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