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## **BARGE TRAFFIC TRIPLES AT HANNIBAL OHIO’S CENTER PORT TERMINAL**

HANNIBAL, OHIO – McKees Rocks Harbor Services (“MRHS”) opened fleet operations at Hannibal Development’s Center Port Terminal and in 90 days the volume of barge traffic tripled. “I think we made a great decision to engage MRHS to manage our Harbor,” says Eric J. Spirtas, Owner of Center Port Terminal, “They understand the region and the increasing demand of our tenants harbor needs for water based trans loading services. Center Port Terminal is the regions multi-modal leader with a port capacity of 3,600,000 tons annually.



Center Port Terminal is located at the epicenter of the Utica/Marcellus gas shale operations, with 52 barge slips, 12 miles of captive rail and 1,700 acres of site-ready infrastructure. The development offers tenants a turnkey opportunity for expansion and unprecedented logistical support. Fairmont Sandtrol, Wildcat Minerals, Mid South Carbon Corporation, G-Metco Inc, EQT, Alpha Hunter Drilling, Blue Racer Midstream in association with Caiman Energy and Evolution Energy Solutions all call Center Port Terminal home. “Over 700,000 square feet of existing buildings have been put back into service and we are moving tenants in regularly,” says Dan Gerovac, Port Manager, “MRHS is a very professional group, that came to Hannibal’s Center Port Terminal with state of the art equipment and crews ready to work.”

MRHS operates in conjunction with its affiliate McKees Rocks Industrial Enterprises, Inc. (“MRIE”) of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Just last year, the company invested \$1.3 million into the addition of a second barge dock at its McKees Rocks PA facility. Center Port Terminal offers MRHS a second fleet location 119 miles south of its headquarters on the Ohio River. “Many customers understand the logistical advantage of having both barge and rail at their fingertips, provided through one company,” said Jim Lind, CEO of MRHS. “When demand is high, the option of a second supply chain mode becomes critical.” MRHS also offers additional services such as barge cleaning, repairs and cover stacking at the Center Port Terminal Facility.

Niagara Worldwide LLC manages the Hannibal Development’s Center Port Terminal as well as acquires, manages, markets and sells repurposed manufacturing sites, chemical plants, mills, and biofuel / biomass power plants across the United States and Europe. In addition, it manages more than three million square feet of warehouse and office space.

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