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RE: Lehigh County Authority Wastewater Plant

Lehigh County Authority (LCA) is pleased to announce the completion of many months of negotiation and hard work that went into our planned assumption of responsibility for wastewater pretreatment service in western Lehigh County. This wastewater pretreatment facility serves large industrial businesses in the western Lehigh County region and has been a vital component of the County's economic development initiatives for decades. By assuming the responsibility of this service in our community, LCA will ensure that wastewater pretreatment service will be available for future generations of business owners, manufacturers and their employees.

LCA and the County of Lehigh have been discussing this transition for several years. Since LCA and the County finalized and signed their agreement last year, LCA has worked with other stakeholders, including the current plant operators, customers and municipalities served by the Western Lehigh Interceptor to ensure a smooth transition can take place. Our Board and team of 37 employees are committed to providing high-quality, efficient pretreatment service to the western Lehigh community.

A guiding principle throughout the negotiations has been to ensure that LCA customers and County taxpayers are equally protected from any adverse financial impact. We believe we have achieved this goal through the cooperation of all involved parties including the County, Diageo, Upper Macungie Township, OMI Inc. and the municipal signatories of our regional wastewater system. We believe this transition will provide improved efficiency and economy to both the pretreatment plant and the region.

LCA has a 40-year track record of providing affordable water and wastewater services that meet the needs of western Lehigh County. Having LCA assume responsibility for pretreatment service at this plant represents another step forward in meeting the long-term wastewater needs of this area.