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Jasper Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 27— Jasper Industrial Park has received an AdvantageSite designation.

The AdvantageSite program requires that community economic development organizations provide documentation specific to a proposed industrial site, including a set of standard data related to ownership/control, environmental and geotechnical conditions, and infrastructure status.

Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

“The Advantage Site Designation marks a major milestone in our preparation for future industrial growth,” said David O’Mary, chairman of the Jasper Industrial Development Board.

David Knight, executive director of Walker County Development Authority said, “The Advantage Site designation for the new Jasper Industrial Park is a testament to the teamwork and commitment our community has made to the economic development process. Being prepared for the opportunities that accompany the completion of Interstate 22 is a driving force in our effort to expand on the quality product we have to offer.”

“This is one of the most significant events in our quest to put the city of Jasper, Walker County and indeed this region of Alabama on the map with regard to economic development,” said Jasper Mayor Sonny Posey. “This designation shows that our area is prepared and ready for future development that I-22 will bring.” Mayor Posey credited the designation to “total and complete cooperation between Jasper’s elected officials, the Jasper Industrial Development Board, Walker County Development Authority and the Walker County Commission.”

“We’re pleased to be able to add the new Jasper Industrial Park to our state inventory of AdvantageSite designated sites,” said Greg Knighton, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama vice president and director of business information. “This designation signifies that the park is ready for prospective industry along the growing I-22 corridor.”

The AdvantageSite program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Development Office, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, EDPA, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

The voluntary industrial site preparedness program was created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit www.advantagealabama.com/bscadvantagesitepublic.asp