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Cogswell Industrial Park Expansion receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 14 – Cogswell Industrial Park Expansion in St. Clair County has received an Alabama 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 125-acre site is located within the Cogswell Industrial Park. The site is located in Pell City less than three miles from Interstate 20 and has easy access from exits 158 and 162. The site is owned by the Pell City Industrial Development Board. The application process was managed locally by the St. Clair County Economic Development Council with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process.

“We are very excited to receive the AdvantageSite designation for the Cogswell Expansion,” said Bob Barnett, chairman of the Pell City Industrial Board. “It is our belief that achieving the AdvantageSite designation will be very attractive to prospective companies looking at Pell City as a possible location for their operations.”

Pell City Mayor Joe Funderburg said Pell City is proud to have the Cogswell Expansion designated as an AdvantageSite by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA).

“It is our hope that this designation will make Pell City even more attractive to companies who are looking to locate in our region and bring continued growth to our city and county,” Funderburg said.

Barnett Lawley, a board member with the St. Clair County Economic Development Council, said the designation by the EDPA shows the commitment Pell City and this region has towards the recruitment of quality manufacturers and technology-based employers.

“I am happy the EDC was able to coordinate this accomplishment with our partners in economic development,” Lawley said.

Said St. Clair County Commission Chairman Paul Manning: “St. Clair County is proud that the Cogswell Expansion has been designated as an AdvantageSite. It is an important signal to the business community that St. Clair County is serious about preparing for growth and new business that will come to the county.”

The program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Gas Corp., Alabama Power Co., the North Alabama Industrial Development Association, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, and coordinated by EDPA. AdvantageSite is a teamwork approach with representatives from each of the entities actively participate in application reviews and on-site visits to prospective AdvantageSite designees.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit <http://www.edpa.org/about-us/advantagesite/>.