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**Hunting Energy Services, Inc. Purchases Facility in Westmoreland County**  
*The Pittsburgh Region: Positioned as an Energy Industry Supply Chain Leader*

**(Pittsburgh – June 2, 2010)** Hunting Energy Services (Drilling Tools), Inc., a division of London-based Hunting PLC, has announced it will locate a manufacturing/service facility in Westmoreland Airpark, Latrobe, Pennsylvania (Westmoreland County).

The company will hire a broad array of individuals, including sales staff, skilled and semi-skilled technicians, and administrative personnel.

“Locating in the Pittsburgh region – in Westmoreland County – puts Hunting in the center of the Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling activity,” said the division’s General Manager Michael Hooper. “It is part of our strategic growth initiative to enter the Pittsburgh region where over 40 energy companies have located since 2007. Hunting has a strong customer portfolio which includes major and independent oil and gas companies as well as other oilfield service providers. By adding a facility in southwestern Pennsylvania, we are able to bring our well construction, well completion and well intervention platforms to this market.”

In addition to anticipating an exponential increase in growth in customers around Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale natural gas play, Hunting expects to serve customers throughout the Appalachian basin.

“The Pittsburgh region is poised to build a 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy on the foundation of the traditional and renewable energy industry,” said Allegheny Conference on Community Development CEO Dennis Yablonsky. “Unlike other regions in the country, Pittsburgh is rich in natural energy resources including the Marcellus Shale, one of the largest new plays in the U.S. and the largest unconventional natural gas reserve in the world. At the same time, the region possesses the complementary human capital and expertise to innovate, manufacture, and problem solve to meet the natural gas industry’s supply chain demand.”

“Regions such as Pittsburgh, that control energy supply and that are developing marketable global energy products and solutions will be positioned to flourish,” said Yablonsky. “Hunting’s decision to site a facility here underscores that Pittsburgh is on the radar as a North American energy leader.”

“Working with Grant Street Associates locally and Transwestern’s Houston office, the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference – collaborated to locate this oil and gas drilling service center in Westmoreland County,” said Yablonsky.

“We welcome Hunting to the region’s growing portfolio of energy companies,” said Westmoreland County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board Tom Balya. “Attracting a number of companies with interests in the Marcellus Shale opportunity, the county’s network of industrial parks offers an expansive inventory of both land and existing buildings to meet a spectrum of commercial real estate needs.”

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The **Pittsburgh Regional Alliance**, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, markets the benefits of conducting business in southwestern Pennsylvania to companies all over the world that are growing, relocating or expanding. Learn more at [www.pittsburghregion.org](http://www.pittsburghregion.org).

The **Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Affiliates** – the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – work in collaboration with public and private sector partners to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania. Learn more at [www.alleghenyconference.org](http://www.alleghenyconference.org).

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The **Westmoreland County IDC**, founded in 1983 by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners, is a non-profit corporation that promotes economic development in Westmoreland County. Its industrial park system consists of sixteen fully developed and strategically located industrial parks, including four brown-field redeveloped sites and the Westmoreland Logistics Park – Rail Freight Intermodal Terminal. Learn more at [www.westmorelandcountyidc.org](http://www.westmorelandcountyidc.org).

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