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**Statement from Pittsburgh Regional Alliance President Dewitt Peart on announcement of extension of Horsehead-Shell land option agreement**

(PITTSBURGH – June 28, 2013) – Earlier today, Horsehead Corporation announced that its land option agreement with Shell Chemical for a site near Monaca, PA has been extended for six months.

Shell Chemical announced last year that it is considering the site previously used by Horsehead Corporation for smelting operations for the construction of a world-class petrochemical facility that would process ethane for use as a manufacturing feedstock.

As we all know, Shell Chemical is engaged in a multi-year evaluation of the site that includes: environmental analysis, engineering design studies, evaluation of ethane supply and economic viability. Extending the term of a land option agreement is a routine aspect of this kind of ongoing evaluation.

Today's announcement by Horsehead of an additional extension to the land option agreement doesn't change anything about the continuing evaluation. It just reaffirms that both parties remain interested in a future transaction that would transfer ownership of the site to Shell.

An economic impact analysis on the proposed facility carried out by the PA Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh last year found that during the peak construction phase there are likely to be 10,000 direct and 18,000 total jobs generated across the ten county region. The economic output during peak construction is projected to be \$2.8 billion. Once the facility is in operation, the analysis predicts 400 direct jobs with 2000 to 8000 jobs total and an annual economic output from operations at \$4.8 billion.

The PRA is - and remains - optimistic that the site near Monaca, PA will become the home of a state-of-the-art, world-class Shell Chemicals petrochemical facility at the conclusion of the evaluation process.

More information about Shell's multi-year evaluation process is available on its website [www.shell.com/chemicals/appalachia](http://www.shell.com/chemicals/appalachia)

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