

Statement from Pittsburgh Regional Alliance President David Ruppberger on Shell Pennsylvania Chemicals' Announcement Today About its Transition from Early Works to Main Works

(PITTSBURGH - Nov. 8, 2017) – The Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, the economic development marketing affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, congratulates Shell Pennsylvania Chemicals on today's announcement about the transition from the early works phase to main works in the construction of the company's multi-billion dollar petrochemical facility in Potter Township, Beaver County. This progress would not have been possible without numerous key public and private sector partners who worked in extraordinary cooperation to first attract Shell to southwestern Pennsylvania and who now continue to support making this once-in-a-generation investment a reality and an economic driver for the greater region.

The land bordered by I-376, PA Route 18 and the Ohio River in Beaver County has been dramatically changed for the better because of Shell's serious interest in our region – both before and after its final investment decision in June 2016. Shell has moved in excess of seven million cubic yards of earth at the site. This is in addition to investing in new and improved intersections; new, wider roads; a new power substation; a new drinking water intake and water treatment plant; new docks along the river; additional rail and more. These investments not only improve Shell's selected site, but also the surrounding community, to the benefit and safety of residents and existing and future businesses.

Some 900 workers are on site now to prepare for main works, including vertical construction of this world-scale petrochemical facility, which will serve as an anchor for the greater region's downstream opportunity.

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