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PROJECT ACTIVITY

Investment and job growth continues within the Marshall manufacturing community. In the 2010-2011 fiscal year we continued our policy of aggressive use of economic development tools with strong support from the Marshall Mayor and City Council.

Tenneco Automotive's investment of \$4.2 million dollars for their new programs is an example of their continued strength in their Marshall plant. This project created 54 new jobs and retained an additional 99 positions. This brings their total headcount to approximately 450. Tenneco remains poised to aggressively secure business and looks to continue to be a high growth company for the foreseeable future.

Dark Horse Brewing Company secured the former Trimbilt facility that bordered their southern property line. The acquisition and renovation of the 18,000 square foot building will give Dark Horse the capacity to produce up to 25,000 bbls. This has positioned them to meet new and growing market demand. Their \$450,000 project created four new jobs and retained 15.

One of our very young manufacturers, LaserDyne Manufacturing, made a substantial investment of \$1.5 million this year. LaserDyne's investment supports two new jobs and retains an additional 10. LaserDyne is a new company to Marshall that does laser cutting and laser etching.

C & S Carton continues to invest in their Marshall facility. C&S is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chelsea Milling, makers of Jiffy Mix. C&S creates the box stock for the Jiffy product line. Their \$250,000 investment in production equipment demonstrates their continued commitment in Marshall and the 18 jobs in their facility.

PROSPECT ACTIVITY

Marshall Economic Development has forged relationships and continues to work with multiple prospects while promoting the Marshall business community. These prospects include alternative energy companies, professional service providers, agri-business, and other manufacturing concerns.

The employment potential of these prospects range from dozens to hundreds of jobs with a wide range in needed skills and compensation. Investment potential for these prospects range from hundreds of thousands of dollars to multi-million dollar projects. Some of these prospects could truly change the nature of our business climate in Marshall and have substantial impact upon our region as a whole. With so much potential, it is an exciting time to be involved in Marshall's economic development.

ENBRIDGE

In July, 2010, pipeline 6B, which is a part of the Lakehead System, leaked approximately 850,000 gallons of oil into Talmadge Creek and ultimately found its way into the Kalamazoo River. Line 6B is a 30 inch, 190,000 bpd line transporting light synthetics, heavy and medium crude oil from Griffith, Indiana to Sarnia, Ontario. It is a part of the Partnership's Lakehead System. Enbridge Energy Partners L.P. treated the situation as a top priority and brought in all available resources, ranging from emergency response and containment personnel to environment and water quality specialists. Enbridge has purchased 53 homes that were in the affected zone and leak site.

The oil spill has definitely been twofold. Although this was a major misfortune, it brought an economic boost to the City of Marshall. Restaurants, hotels, available buildings for rent, environmental agencies, etc. saw a much needed profitable increase. The Enbridge project director recently relocated to Marshall to lead the ongoing clean up and remediation operation over the next few years. Working under the oversight of the EPA and MDNRE, the director will continue to manage the cleanup and monitoring as it continues along the Kalamazoo River and Talmadge Creek.