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To: Tom Rave, The Gateway to Milwaukee

Re: Caterpillar Support for Aerotropolis Milwaukee

As a leading manufacturer in Milwaukee and supplier to the global mining industry, Caterpillar Global Mining supports the development of an aerotropolis in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Caterpillar and its predecessor companies have manufactured in Milwaukee for more than 100 years. We utilize the regions highways, airports, rail lines and shipping ports on a daily basis. The "Aerotropolis Milwaukee" regional economic development effort can leverage the collective intermodal transportation means – air, rail, road and water – coupled with land use planning, collaborative regional marketing and related environmental impact analyses and help shape the Milwaukee region as an even more globally recognized economic engine that attracts investment.

By promoting a more efficient and interconnected passenger and freight transportation hub here, Aerotropolis Milwaukee can help enhance the regions competitiveness and productivity within the global economy. Any enhancement to improve efficiencies in the operations of intermodal transport systems in the region will benefit Caterpillar, our suppliers, our dealers, other manufacturers and the communities that we serve.

We urge strong support of the development of Aerotropolis Milwaukee to stimulate increased economic growth in the region. Doing so helps current businesses improve efficiencies and will help attract additional investment too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John T. Disharoon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

John T. Disharoon
Vice President - Industry Relations
Caterpillar Global Mining