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WMPI Announces Receipt of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Air Permit Approval for the WMPI Pty., LLC Gilberton Project

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Approval Gives Go Ahead, Pending Financial Closing, for Coal to Ultracleanfuels(TM) Production Facility to be Built in Schuylkill County Pennsylvania GILBERTON, Pa., March 23 /PRNewswire/ -- APPROVAL WMPI Pty., LLC, in advanced development of coal gasification-based coal and waste coal to liquid fuels facilities, today announces the receipt of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Air Permit Approval for the WMPI Pty., LLC Gilberton Project.

WMPI will construct and operate a plant to co-produce approximately 5,000 barrels per day of high quality ultracleanfuels(TM) and about 131 Mw (92 Mw for internal use and 39 Mw for export) of electricity. The plant will process (reclaim) 1.4 million tons per year of Anthracite coal waste (culm) as feed to the complex.

The Project will be located near Gilberton, Pennsylvania.

PLANNED FACILITIES

With the completion of the Gilberton Coal-to-Clean Fuels and Power Plant financing, larger-scale commercial plants (10-12 fold increase in output size) are planned to be constructed in other states. Among those currently being considered are, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The WMPI Gilberton Waste Coal to Clean Liquid Fuels Project is sponsored by the United States Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory under The Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) solicitation (DE-PS26-02NT41428).

The team includes: -- Shell Global Solutions U.S., as gasification technology supplier; -- Uhde GmbH, a Dortmund, Germany-based global engineering company and authorized Shell Coal Gasification Process (SCGP) Technology as engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor; -- Sasol Synfuels International (Proprietary) Limited, a world leader in synthesis gas-based Fischer-Tropsch (F-T) Liquefaction Technology as liquefaction technology provider; and, -- Nexant, Inc., as owner's engineer. For further information, visit WMPI at: <http://www.ultracleanfuels.com>. Further information on the specific environmental benefits of the WMPI Project can be found at: www.netl.doe.gov/coal/CCPI/pubs/Benefits_Gilberton_122303.pdf

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