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SUBJECT: DEP ISSUES MASCARO NEW TEN-YEAR LANDFILL PERMIT

The Pioneer Crossing Landfill, a J. P. Mascaro & Sons affiliated facility, received a new ten-year municipal waste landfill permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on March 13, 2013.

Pioneer Crossing, in Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, is permitted to receive both municipal and residual waste, as well as sewage sludge from municipal wastewater treatment plants.

In 2001, Pioneer Crossing was among the first Pennsylvania landfills to pass DEP's stringent regulatory "Harms-Benefits Test" which requires an applicant to establish that the benefits of its landfill project clearly outweigh any known or potential harms from the project. Pioneer Crossing met that burden.

Mascaro's Pioneer Crossing Landfill provides essential disposal services to many regional area municipalities, businesses, industries and institutions; it is centrally located near major transportation arteries, it is managed by registered professional engineers; it has a demonstrated history of environmental compliance; it donates

hundreds of thousands of dollars annually through its charitable contribution program; and it provides significant unencumbered annual fee income to both Exeter Township and the Borough of Birdsboro.

Speaking to the new ten-year permit, Mascaro Company President, Pat Mascaro, said, "Pioneer Crossing is an integral part of our company's business infrastructure and it enables us, on a long-term basis, to provide the highest quality services for our customers and for third party users of the landfill."

"In today's volatile waste industry, environmentally sound, long-term disposal is a critical component of the modern solid waste equation, and with the issuance of Pioneer Crossing's new ten-year DEP permit, Mascaro is uniquely situated to provide this critical service to its many existing and future customers for years to come," said Mascaro.

Mascaro added that, "Within its current permitted area, Pioneer Crossing has more than 15 years of disposal capacity remaining, and future expansion opportunities will assure our customers of environmentally sound disposal options for approximately 50 years."

To compliment its modern landfill, Mascaro is constructing a new multi-million dollar single stream recycling facility on property immediately adjacent to Pioneer Crossing. Curbside single stream recycling programs are being implemented in many municipalities today, with the result being a significant increase in the volume of collected recyclables.

"Our new single stream recycling facility will have all of the 'bells and whistles' and it will further enhance our company's comprehensive integrated waste service capabilities, which include collection, recycling, transferring, processing, transportation, composting, beneficial reuse and disposal," said Mascaro.

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