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President Trump's Visit Highlights Manufacturing Opportunities in Shale Crescent USA

Monaca, Pa. – Ahead of President Trump's visit to the Shell Petrochemicals Complex under construction in Beaver County today, Wally Kandel, co-founder of Shale Crescent USA and Senior Vice President, Marietta Site Manager for Solvay, issued the following statement exploring the significant opportunity for manufacturing growth in the Shale Crescent region.

"The President's visit showcases Appalachia's viability as petrochemical hub by recognizing the significance of Shell's new cracker plant as a first, great step forward for the region," **said Wally Kandel, co-founder of Shale Crescent USA and Senior Vice President, Marietta Site Manager for Solvay.**

"The potential for Shale Crescent USA is great, with its abundance of high-value natural gas liquids used in petrochemical production and plastics manufacturing, and its close proximity to the marketplace, the region stands to benefit economically from these industries for generations. The supply is here, the demand is here, and its limitless potential is why today, President Trump is here."

For more information on Shale Crescent USA, visit www.shalecrescentusa.com.

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About Shale Crescent USA:

The Shale Crescent USA economic development initiative aims to encourage business growth in the Shale Crescent USA Region of Eastern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The multi-stakeholder initiative is marketing the Region to the World providing information and resources for companies looking to launch or expand business. The Shale Crescent USA Region has unique competitive advantages and opportunities to leverage low-cost, abundant natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs), unmatched access to key markets, abundant water and a location advantage independent of commodity prices. For more information, please visit ShaleCrescentUSA.com.