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Secretary

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of CEMUS, LLC, who has acquired a 60 acre deep water access site on the Mississippi River in Baton Rouge for the purposes of attracting aggregate and cement suppliers. Other potential uses such as petroleum, natural gas, raw materials and manufactured products could very well be shipped, stored and/or distributed from this deep water site. As Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development (LED) please know that Governor Blanco and her administration is interested in this former Kaiser Aluminum site being utilized for this use that could generate quality jobs and additional capital investment for our state and local economies. The site is located in an industrial corridor in proximity to the capital city of Baton Rouge immediately south of US Highway 190 and a bridge over the Mississippi River which includes a railroad track allowing for multi-modal ground transportation access.

The dock at the Baton Rouge site is as far upstream as an ocean going vessel can safely travel as the Mississippi River bridge does not allow adequate clearance for ocean going vessels. The Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation plant was closed in the 1980's and subsequent reuse has cause for multiple environmental studies to be conducted in the 1990's and 2000's. No contaminant of concern was identified as a result of the studies.

It is the hope of LED that CEMUS can attract distributors and companies seeking shipping and/or warehousing opportunities to the site enabling it to become a distribution resource offering the Mississippi River deep water access, rail, roadway and pipeline access in addition to being in close proximity to Louisiana's capital city and a regional airport. On behalf of Louisiana Economic Development, I look forward to working with the representatives of CEMUS and their partners in developing this distribution operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Olivier".

Michael J. Olivier
Secretary