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**Groundbreaking Scheduled At
Reagent Chemical and Research Rail Tank Car Facility
Starke County, Indiana**

Starke County, Indiana – Wednesday, October 21, 2009, is another day of Celebration of Success in Starke County with groundbreaking events scheduled for the construction of the new Reagent Chemical and Research Rail Tank Car Facility in Knox, Indiana. The Starke County Development Foundation is hosting the groundbreaking ceremonies on the 21st. The public and dignitaries will gather for photographs at the construction site located at 317 Kloeckner Drive, Knox, Indiana at 11:00 a.m. CDT.

Reagent Chemical and Research, Inc. (Reagent) is North America's largest private owner of rubber lined rail cars. The facility will become operational in the summer of 2010, will create approximately \$5,000,000 in new investment, and will create up to 31 new jobs over time at an average wage of \$21.00 per hour.

The Starke County Development Foundation, the County of Starke, and the City of Knox were instrumental in working together to attract Reagent. The Indiana Economic Development

Corporation also provided assistance by way of a grant from the Indiana Development Grant Fund.

Reagent is constructing two new buildings totaling 36,500 square feet and building 6,155 lineal feet of new rail on the Reagent site. The City of Knox is adding 991 lineal feet of new public rail onto the Knox Lead Track owned By Starke County.

Reagent will equip new rail tank cars for its use and maintain and repair its existing fleet of rail cars at the site. After being outfitted at the Starke County site, the rail cars will then be used to transport hydrochloric acid between Reagent's distribution facilities located outside Indiana and its customers. Reagent is the nation's largest marketer of hydrochloric acid, which is used in the food processing, energy, steel, and other industrial sectors.

"Reagent's decision to locate its new rail car facility in Starke County not only demonstrates Starke County's strategic location but Reagent's confidence in Starke County and its work force," said Starke County Development Foundation Director, Charles Weaver.

Reagent's White Flyer Division is the world's largest producer and marketer of clay targets; it's Cali'co Hardwoods Division is the world's largest producer of fancy wood blanks for shot gun and rifle stocks, and also supplies Lexus, BMW, Mercedes Benz, and Jaguar automobiles and the aero industry with hardwoods and veneers; and, its PROSYS Division is the nation's largest manufacturer of cartridge packaging equipment, which is used by cosmetic, pharmaceutical, and adhesive producers. For more information regarding Reagent Chemical and Research, visit www.reagentchemical.com.

The Starke County Development Foundation is a not-for-profit local economic development organization (LEDO) providing economic development opportunities on behalf of Starke County, Indiana, the City of Knox, and the Towns of North Judson and Hamlet through

the development of industrial parks, rail spurs, greenfield sites, shovel-ready sites, infrastructure and workforce development. For more information regarding Starke County Development Foundation, visit www.starkecounty.com.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in Feb. 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. The IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels. For more information about IEDC, please visit www.iedc.IN.gov.

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