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### **Zeolyst International Expanding its Global Operations from Wyandotte County**

Kansas City, KS – Wyandotte County's Zeolyst International will add 43,000 square feet to its existing 1700 Kansas Avenue location in 2012-2013. The expansion will give the global producer of specialty zeolites, and a synthetically produced mineral, the ability to add 33 new jobs to its Kansas City, Kansas facility and bring \$83 million in capital investment, including roughly \$20 million in local real estate improvements, to Wyandotte County.

Established in Kansas City, Kansas in 1988, Zeolyst International has grown to become an international leader in high-performance zeolites, catalysts and absorbents, which uses include removing pollutants from air streams, and petroleum refining, petrochemical production. The company combines the product development and manufacturing expertise in zeolites and catalysts from its parent companies, PQ Corporation and the Shell Global Solutions affiliate CRI/Criterion Inc., into a single entity that handles the entire development and commercialization of zeolite applications. The company's corporate office is in Pennsylvania, and it has another manufacturing facility in Delfzijl, in The Netherlands.

"Our mission at Zeolyst is respond to the needs of our customers by developing custom products for their applications," said John Lau, General Manager of Zeolyst. "Our relationships with the leaders and agencies representing Wyandotte County in our expansion initiative have enabled us to remain focused on that objective. Their direct attention to our location expansion needs have made this process swift and advantageous to all parties involved."

"We're excited that Zeolyst International has decided to expand its facility in Kansas City, Kan.," said Bill Thornton, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce. "When a company such as Zeolyst chooses to grow in Kansas, it says a lot about our business climate and our workforce. We thank the company for its commitment to Kansas."

"Zeolyst International has been a successful business in Kansas City, Kansas for more than 22 years," Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Kansas Mayor Joe Reardon said. "Their expansion announcement comes at a critical time for us as we seek to create new jobs in this challenging economy. We appreciate the commitment the company has made to Wyandotte County as they continue to grow in this highly specialized industry."

"It is extremely important for Wyandotte County to remain as one of best places for advanced manufacturing companies, like Zeolyst, to call home," said WYEDC President, Brent Miles. "Our support for these companies, through incentive programs and packages, shows to the nation our level of commitment to keeping these companies happy in our county. It's an extra bonus for us to help them boost the eastern portion of the county through the capital investment their project brings to that area."

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