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MarkWest, Gulfport join forces for Ohio Condensate LLC

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CADIZ - More expansion is on the way as MarkWest Energy joins forces with Gulfport Energy to form a condensate plant on the outskirts of the village.

Demolition has already occurred at the former airport site, which until recently was utilized by an oil and gas-related contractor. In a media statement recently issued by MarkWest Energy Partners, the company entered a joint venture with Gulfport Energy Corp. for stabilization services and potential gathering services for condensate produced within an area that includes Belmont, Harrison, Guernsey, Noble and Monroe counties. The estimated 22-acre site will incorporate land extending from U.S. 22 to Ohio 9 North

that was leased from the county in a 15-year, multimillion-dollar deal in November.

County commissioners entered into the pact with Ohio Gathering LLC to utilize land near the county highway garage for a railroad and buildings as part of the operation. Jon Dunasko, contractor and senior landman for MarkWest, and Douglas Struble, director of engineering for Midwest Terminals of Toledo, said the company is leasing 21.857 acres for \$10,000 per month, or \$120,000 annually, for 15 years and should bring another \$1.8 million to county coffers during that timeframe.

County leaders agreed to move the Lash Paving plant since it is currently located within the proposed site near existing Cadiz Junction railway, while the company is

also planning an exchange facility with county garage facilities. "Gulfport is rapidly developing their acreage within the wet gas, retrograde condensate and oil windows of the emerging Utica Shale and currently has over 147,000 net acres under lease. In conjunction with these agreements, MarkWest and EMG will form Ohio Condensate Company, LLC, a new joint venture related to the development of industry-leading facilities and services to support the rapid growth of condensate production occurring in the liquids-rich areas of the Utica Shale. Discussions regarding the joint venture's condensate solutions are also underway with numerous other Utica producers," the company stated.

Officials said initial infrastructure development would consist of a new

condensate stabilization facility, with associated logistics and storage terminal capabilities that is anticipated to be in service by the third quarter of 2014.

The facility will have initial stabilization capacity of 23,000 barrels per day (Bbl/d) and an immediate 30,000 Bbl/d expansion is anticipated. The facility will be co-located and fully integrated with condensate storage, and a truck and rail loading terminal that will be constructed and operated by a subsidiary of Midwest Terminals and will exclusively serve the joint venture. Raw condensate will be delivered by truck and stabilized at the facility.

Once stabilized, the condensate will be transported by truck and rail to local refinery markets and Canadian export markets. In the future, a condensate gathering system and



Photo provided

Demolition is underway to make room for even further expansion by MarkWest Energy. The company has announced plans for a joint venture with Gulfport Energy to create a condensate plant on the former county airport property outside Cadiz that should be operational by late 2014.

regional pipelines may be constructed to support additional deliveries to the facility. Furthermore, the is scheduled to become operational by late 2016. Local leaders are pleased

origin for the previously announced Cornerstone

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Official stresses being conservative with budget

By AMY GAREIS

experienced and he wants it carry the \$1 million surplus

owned by Mr. Furman Scio, to obtain a load of heroin with which to not a well. Arriving at the magazine, which is located the Canaga farm a short distance west of Scio, he engaged in making up a load, carrying the heroin from the magazine his wagon in large tin

one was present to witness the accident but indications it is thought that in carrying a load, he must have slipped and fallen when near the explosion, thus causing the explosion. His body was thrown into many pieces, the wagon was shattered into fragments and the horses were so badly injured, they had to be killed. The explosion was heard for 10 miles. It was very distinctly heard in Cadiz. Windows were broken in College.

After Matthews was a young man of fine character. He was esteemed by everybody who knew him, and there is universal regret at his death. He leaves a wife and two children.

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with the prospect of further growth.

"It's great. It ends up being 15 years with an automatic renewal for 15 years," county Commissioner Don Bethel said of the land deal. "That is \$3.6 million over 30 years that's guaranteed and we retain ownership of the property. I think it's great for

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the long-term benefit of the county and it shows MarkWest's commitment to Harrison County."

"This is another major investment in the area to help service the oil and gas industry," said Cadiz Mayor Ken Zitko. "This will help get various products to market, which will continue to help the industry to grow."

"MarkWest's continued execution of their strategic plan is great news for the village of Cadiz and Harrison County," added Mike Sliva, president of the Cadiz Community Improvement Corp. "I would like to thank the commissioners for their cooperation and [CIC Economic Development Coordinator] Rich Milleson for his work on the project. 2014 will be even busier for our local area as the shale play moves forward."

MarkWest and EMG are currently developing the largest fully integrated midstream solution in the Utica Shale, which includes hundreds of miles of gas and natural gas liquids gathering

pipeline, up to three large-scale complexes totaling more than 1 billion cubic feet of processing capacity and 138,000 Bbl/d of ethane and heavier fractionation capacity.

"We are very excited to continue expanding our relationship with Gulfport Energy and provide a critical new service offering for the stabilization and marketing of condensate. Together with EMG, the formation of an integrated condensate solution is a significant milestone in our ongoing development of full-service midstream infrastructure in the Utica Shale and will provide producers with the ability to capture additional uplift from their growing liquids production," stated Frank Semple, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of MarkWest. "We believe the increased use of condensate as a feedstock for refineries, and the growing demand from Canada for diluent, will support local, regional and international consumption of Utica condensate."

MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. is a master limited partnership engaged in the gathering, processing and transportation of natural gas; the gathering, transportation, fractionation, storage and marketing of natural gas liquids; and the gathering and transportation of crude oil. MarkWest has a leading presence in many unconventional gas plays including the Marcellus Shale, Utica Shale, Huron/Berea Shale, Haynesville Shale, Woodford Shale and Granite Wash formation.

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the legacy all of us are continuing in honor of him.

getting to know you and working with you. I value everything you have given me and said to me," Snider said. "Thank you for all you have done."

Bob Hugh spent more than 40 years with the school district as a bus driver, teacher, principal and eventual school board official. Harrison Hills leaders were devastated by his death in August of 2012 and said a he made a valuable contribution to the community. Upon accepting his seat last year, Betty Hugh she said she was humbled.

"This is a bittersweet time for me as I would much rather be supporting him from [behind the scenes], but by the same token he accepted the responsibility for his term, and since he can't finish it, I am will to do this for him and the Harrison Hills City School District," she said at the time. "With God's help, I will do the best I can to finish his term and serve the district and the students."

As she completed her final session, she had only two words to say: "Thank you."

Her successor is John Harrison, also of Scio, who was elected to the post this fall. He will officially begin at the next board meeting on Jan. 14.

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over the next two to five years and he urges officials to be financially prudent in the meantime.

"I've been in here during the downturn and want everyone to be fiscally responsible. My goal right now is to see the roof and the heating and cooling system completed [at the courthouse]."

Moore estimated the replacement of the century-

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