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Governor Corbett Joins Refinery Workers to Open New Rail Unloading Facility; Celebrate Refinery's Continued Operation

Philadelphia – Governor Tom Corbett today joined Philadelphia Energy Solutions to officially open a newly constructed rail unloading facility which will enable the refinery to remain competitive and add more than 60 new jobs to the 850 positions that were saved last year.

"A year ago we celebrated a joint venture that would preserve thousands of good-paying jobs in the region and position this refinery for success in the future," Corbett said. "Today we celebrate that future. The addition of this rail yard connects you to the low-cost resources you need to compete for years to come."

Philadelphia Energy Solutions received a \$10 million grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Rail Transportation Assistance Program to connect new rail track to the CSX mainline. The construction added 26,850 track feet which will allow the refinery to unload two unit trains carrying 140,000 barrels of North American-produced crude oil per day. The project is expected to create 65 new jobs.

High-cost crude oil purchased and shipped from Africa presented one of the largest economic challenges for the refinery. The addition of the new rail unloading facility will enable Philadelphia Energy Solutions to utilize lower-cost crude oil produced in the Bakken Shale Formation located in parts of North Dakota and Montana, and Southern Saskatchewan, Canada.

"Our Southeast refineries are a symbol of the connection that exists between Pennsylvania's expanding energy industry and the potential we have to achieve energy independence in North America," Corbett said.

In September 2012, Sunoco and The Carlyle Group finalized an agreement of sale to form Philadelphia Energy Solutions, a venture that will enable the refinery to continue operating.

"The refineries were threatened with closure. Jobs and our energy security were at risk," Corbett said. "I intervened to make certain that new buyers kept those plants working and as a result we saved thousands of jobs to make sure the refineries will remain a part of this region's industrial landscape."

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