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1,340-Acre CenterPoint – KCS Intermodal Center offers inland port solution to congested West Coast ports

(KANSAS CITY, Mo.) Recent census reports show more than \$200 billion in goods and services entering the United States through clogged and congested ports.

The increased demand for imports over the last 50 years has caused a traffic jam on coastal ports and has many people wondering how we're going to continue maneuvering products throughout the country. The top five importers and exporters of goods to the U.S. are Asian countries which account for 25 million containers or TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) of the total 27.5 million TEUs imported or exported in 2006.

With the growing number of shipments, Los Angeles and other ports along the West Coast are growing increasingly congested leaving importers to pay more in costs and looking for alternatives to move international containers inland. Located in the heart of the midwest, Kansas City, Mo. provides a logistically viable and financially feasible solution via an inland port.

Opened in March 2008, the CenterPoint – KCS Intermodal Center in Kansas City delivers a 1,340-acre intermodal center and logistics park with direct connection to the Port of Lazaro Cardenas in Mexico via the Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS). The park will feature a 370-acre intermodal facility operated by KCS and a 970-acre industrial park, built to accommodate as much as 5 million square feet of warehouse and distribution center space. The industrial park is being developed by CenterPoint Properties of Chicago and is offered by Kansas City-based Zimmer Real Estate Services.

The intermodal center is connected to world markets via the Lazaro Cardenas Port, which connects Asian ports to Kansas City by KCS's north-south rail line through Mexico. Lazaro Cardenas is a deep water port capable of handling the world's largest shipping vessels. In addition to offering an alternative port that bypasses the overly congested ports in Los Angeles and other cities along the West Coast, the intermodal center's location within a Foreign Trade Zone provides companies with tax advantages and financial savings.

KCS has 11,340 feet of main line track with the capacity to be one of the largest intermodal freight gateways in the Midwest. Mazda North America currently operates an automotive distribution facility on the property and moves 60,000 automobiles through KCS's International Freight Gateway each year. The immediate proximity to the logistics park allows shippers to store goods without paying high drayage fees.

Ranked second and third respectively in national rail and trucking, Kansas City is ideally positioned to become a significant distribution hub for international trade. At the geographic center of the country, the CenterPoint – KCS Intermodal Center provides single-day truck access to nearly every major Midwest city including Denver, Colo.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Little Rock, Ark. and Dallas, Tex. Kansas City also boasts more freeway-lane miles per capita than any other U.S. city with the park strategically located adjacent to U.S. Highway 71 with close proximity to Interstates 29, 35, 70, 435, 470 and 635, and U.S. Highway 69.

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Importers no longer have to worry about the West Coast congestion. Outstanding access to international markets via Lazaro Cardenas, coupled with time and financial savings provided by the intermodal center and first-rate distribution center space offered by the industrial park, the CenterPoint – KCS Intermodal Center is quickly becoming the solution to congested costal ports.

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