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JEFFERSON COUNTY FOUNDATION, INC. AND ROCKWOOL RESOLVE STORMWATER PERMITTING APPEALS

Ranson, WV—Jefferson County Foundation, Inc. and ROCKWOOL are pleased to announce that they have resolved two legal challenges that had been pending before the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board (EQB) concerning the West Virginia DEP’s stormwater permitting at ROCKWOOL’s stonewool manufacturing facility in Ranson, West Virginia. In connection with the resolution of the EQB matters, ROCKWOOL has voluntarily committed to additional studies, inspections, and drainage improvements that will further strengthen stormwater management at the site. A full list of ROCKWOOL’s commitments as part of this resolution can be found in the exhibit to the EQB dismissal order into which it is incorporated.

“The Foundation and co-appellants appealed ROCKWOOL’s stormwater permits because we were concerned that the DEP’s permitting process and ROCKWOOL’s resulting permits were not adequately protective of the waters of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and surrounding region. After several years of litigation, and with the changes ROCKWOOL has voluntarily agreed to make to its stormwater handling system, we feel the water protections are significantly improved. We would like to thank ROCKWOOL for respecting our concerns and working with us to resolve these matters,” said Dr. Christine Wimer, President, Jefferson County Foundation, Inc.

“At ROCKWOOL, we are constantly looking for ways to improve and upgrade our facilities as part of our deep-rooted commitment to environmental protection. We greatly appreciate how the Foundation worked with us in improving what was already a state-of-the-art stormwater handling system at our Ranson facility. For more than 80 years, ROCKWOOL has partnered with the communities in which we operate, and we look forward to continued collaboration with the Foundation in the future,” said Paul Espinosa, Public Affairs Manager, ROCKWOOL.

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Jefferson County Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, supports and promotes effective and accountable government, sustainable development, and the protection of health, heritage, and the environment in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Founded as a family business more than 80 years ago, the ROCKWOOL Group is the world’s leading manufacturer of stone wool insulation. The ROCKWOOL Group includes a range of sister companies that deliver specialist solutions for the horticultural, marine and offshore

sectors. By using stone, one of the world's most abundant resources, ROCKWOOL makes a lasting impact across generations.

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