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TO: Affected Local Governments and Other Interested Parties
FROM: James R. Dove, Executive Director
DATE: March 9, 2012

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (RC) has completed its review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). The Northeast Georgia RC reviewed the proposed project with regard to conflicts with regional plans, goals, and policies and the impacts it might have on the activities, plans, goals, and policies of other local jurisdictions and state, federal, and other agencies. The finding does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

DRI ID Number: 2255
Name of Proposed Project: Project Road Runner (Caterpillar)
Submitting Local Government: Oconee County

Finding: After review of information submitted by the host government and comments received from affected agencies, the Northeast Georgia RC finds that the development is in the best interest of the Region and therefore the State.

Additional Comments:

- It is recommended that the developer coordinate closely with Oconee County, Athens-Clarke County, the City of Bogart, and the Georgia Department of Transportation to implement any and all roadway improvements needed to maintain an adequate level of service for the existing roadway network.
- The developer should conform to any applicable regulations and permitting requirements of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Georgia Department of Transportation, or any other state or federal agency.
- See attached comments received from Affected Local Governments and other interested parties.




HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Elizabeth Shirk 
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Historic Preservation Division

RE: Development of Regional Impact 2255
Proposed Construction of 1,198,656 Square Feet of Manufacturing And
Distribution Space Along US Hwy 78 within Clarke County, Oconee
County and City of Bogart

DATE: February 28, 2012

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the information submitted concerning the proposed project in Clarke and Oconee Counties, Georgia. Our comments are offered to assist the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission in assessing the potential impacts of the proposed project as it pertains to the Georgia Planning Act.

Regarding historic structures that may be located in the area, we recommend a survey be conducted by a qualified historian to identify historic structures located within the project's area of potential effects.

Regarding archaeological resources, due to the size and topographic setting of the subject property, we recommend that an intensive (Phase I) archaeological survey be conducted by a qualified archaeologist.

We offer these comments now as technical assistance; however HPD looks forward to reviewing this project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act if at some stage in development Federal funding, permitting or licensing becomes required, or under the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA) if state funds are utilized.

If we may be of further assistance, or for more information on compliance requirements for Section 106, please contact Betsy Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624.

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**CITY OF MADISON COMMENTS FOR
DRI #2255 Project Roadrunner
Date: 2/28/12
Mayor and Council Review: 2/27/12**

The City of Madison supports a favorable recommendation for this DRI, finding the opportunity to be in the best interests of both the region and the City of Madison.

If there are any questions please contact Bryce Jaeck at 706-342-1251 ext 226 or bjaeck@madisonga.com.