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PUGET SOUND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD SELECTS THE PORT OF CENTRALIA FOR ITS HEADQUARTERS

Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad (PSAP) has entered into a long-term lease agreement to move its headquarters to the Port of Centralia. PSAP, a subsidiary of RailAmerica, Inc., interchanges with the BNSF and UP Class I railroads at Centralia. They began business in Elma, Washington, in 1997 and have grown from running 8,000 carloads to 30,000 carloads per year in 2010. PSAP moves freight over 180 miles of track stretching from Centralia to Aberdeen and the Port of Grays Harbor and as far north as the US Naval Submarine Base at Bangor. Their major commodities include lumber, forest products, grain and other agricultural products, and automobiles. The company will occupy a newly remodeled 3,000 square feet building located on Midway Court in the Port's Park I development.

Larry Sorenson, Assistant General Manager of PSAP stated, "The Port of Centralia offered PSAP a perfect strategic location to enhance our operations." Sorenson added, "We appreciate the Port's ability to remodel the facility that will accommodate our needs for many years to come."

Port of Centralia Commission President Gene Groshong stated, "We have had a great relationship with Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad over the years and are pleased that we were able to accommodate them." Groshong further stated, "Having the railroad headquartered in Centralia will clearly enhance our ability to attract rail-dependent industries and gives us a considerable competitive advantage in the market place."

Founded in 1986, the Port of Centralia operates two industrial parks comprising over 350 acres with over 30 tenants including: Michaels, Millard Refrigerated Services, Sierra Pacific Industries, Dick's Brewing Company, and Plastic Services and Products.

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