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## **Monroeville Industrial Park – East receives AdvantageSite designation**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June, 15– A 32.4-acre site in Monroeville Industrial Park has received AdvantageSite designation.

The AdvantageSite program requires that community economic development organizations provide documentation specific to a proposed industrial site, including a set of standard data related to ownership/control, environmental and geotechnical conditions, and infrastructure status.

Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

“The City of Monroeville is very excited to receive designation as southwest Alabama’s first AdvantageSite,” said Mayor Mike Kennedy. “Dr. Johnson, Glen Haab, Julie Adams and the new EDA have done a wonderful job at a very fast pace.” “DMD Engineers were a great support to our team,” he added.

Patrick Harrigan, president of the City Industrial Board, reported, “When the EDA requested our help, we were confident that this project would be managed professionally and would make an impact on our economic development. This designation promises to bring attention from industries looking to locate in great rural communities that are committed to their success. Harrigan Lumber can provide testimony that this is a great place to do business.”

“This designation is a milestone in economic development for our community,” said John A. Johnson, founding executive director and now principal advisor to the new Monroeville/Monroe County Economic Development Authority. “Mayor Kennedy, the City Council and IDB Board have developed a major asset in the properties in the Industrial Park—this is the crown. We all are grateful to the Eddins Estate for their collaboration in making this possible.”

“We’re pleased to add the Monroeville Industrial Park East Site as our 20th AdvantageSite, and commend the local team for its hard work and dedication to the process.” said Greg Knighton, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama vice president and director of business information. “This designation is an important tool for economic development. These sites are being actively marketed on the web-based Alabama Buildings and Sites database, which averages over 600 daily searches. The AdvantageSite designation demonstrates the significant due diligence and planning that has occurred at a site.”

The AdvantageSite program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Development Office, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, EDPA, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

The voluntary industrial site preparedness program was created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit [www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesitepublic.asp](http://www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesitepublic.asp)