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### **Southern Cross Logistics, Inc. Receives Approval to Operate Within Foreign-Trade Zone 147**

YORK, PA – December 14, 2010 - The Partnership for Economic Development of York County (PEDYC) and The Foreign-Trade Zone of Southern Pennsylvania (FTZSP) recently approved an FTZ Operator Agreement with Southern Cross Logistics, Inc. to include the warehouse operation located at 2800 Concord Road, York, Pennsylvania as a foreign-trade zone (FTZ) general purpose warehouse. The designation will enable Southern Cross Logistics to utilize FTZ benefits such as duty deferral and duty elimination, which in turn will allow its customers to remain competitive in domestic and foreign markets and preserve jobs at the York County facility. The first FTZ general purpose warehouse in the Commonwealth of PA was designated in 2007 and is also located in York County.

Southern Cross Logistics, is a third-party logistics company specializing in warehousing, storage, and distribution. Located in York, Pennsylvania, Southern Cross Logistics primarily serves an Italian manufacturer of exercise equipment and parts. According to John Shepard, President of Southern Cross Logistics, Inc: "This designation is critically important in expanding and developing our ability to offer

complete logistical solutions to global customers in our York facility, while providing economic benefits to our customer base.”

The Foreign-Trade Zones Program was created by the Federal Government in the 1930’s, and is an important aspect of U.S. Trade Policy today. Its purpose is to facilitate trade and increase the global competitiveness of U.S. based companies. Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) are secured areas located in or near U.S. Customs ports of entry, but legally considered to be outside the Customs territory. Certain types of merchandise can be imported into a zone without going through formal Customs entry procedures or paying import duties. Foreign-Trade Zone 147 (FTZ 147) is a regional economic development project that encompasses the counties of Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York. FTZ 147 is operated by the Berks Economic Partnership and the Partnership for Economic Development of York County.

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