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## **Wendell H. Stone Company, Inc. to build at I-70 Industrial Park – South Huntingdon Township**

*A development team that caters to oil and gas-related exploration firms in the region.*

**South Huntingdon Township, Pa**, October 10, 2012 – The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation’s (WCIDC) Board of Directors – Charles W. Anderson, R. Tyler Courtney, and Ted Kopas today announce that Wendell H. Stone Company, Inc. has purchased approximately 28 acres in the I-70 Industrial Park, South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County.

The development team overseeing the new project will be Shalestone Group, a subsidiary of cement-maker Wendell H. Stone Company who proposes to



construct multiple flex-type industrial facilities on the property. With plans to replicate its customized development containing several separate buildings recently completed in neighbouring Washington County, Shalestone will continue catering to the needs of industrial clients, as well as oil and gas-related exploration firms who have entered the region during the past few years to explore Marcellus Shale natural gas deposits.

“Westmoreland County continues to have its share of impact from natural gas exploration,” said Jason Rigone, Executive Director of the WCIDC. “This park in particular has been a focal point of inquiries for companies in the industry who are looking for sites to start-up operations.”

Instead of large industrial buildings of 50,000 to 100,000 SF, Shalestone plans a mix of buildings between 10,000 and 21,000 SF, complemented by a few acres of lay-down yard. Difficult to acquire here, oil and gas firms are typically accustomed to pursuing available buildings with lay-down areas in the expanse of land areas of Texas or Oklahoma.



Once completed, the multiple flex-type facilities are expected to generate over 200 employees at the site. “More trucking, more warehousing, more supply materials and drilling equipment all mean more jobs for

Westmoreland County,” said County Commissioner Chuck Anderson. Commissioner Anderson also serves as chairman of the county Industrial Development Corporation. “We want to create more good-news stories like the one here in the I-70 Industrial Park all over Westmoreland County.”

For more information about The Shalestone Group, as the industrial and commercial property development division of Wendell H. Stone Company, Inc., visit [www.shalestonegroup.com](http://www.shalestonegroup.com).

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