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## **KCBX PLANS TO BUILD NEW \$120 MILLION FACILITY ON CHICAGO'S SOUTHEAST SIDE**

*Coal and petroleum coke handler to enclose operations with state-of-the-art facility*

**CHICAGO**—KCBX Terminals, operator of two coal and petroleum coke terminals on Chicago's southeast side, today released detailed plans for a new state-of-the-art facility that would enclose the company's operations. The estimated \$120 million project would create more than 150 construction-related jobs and take approximately two years to complete after construction begins next fall. The project and construction timeline are subject to regulatory review, permitting, securing customer commitments and final funding approval from KCBX management.

"We are committed to remaining in Chicago, which has long been a critical hub for industry and for transloading bulk materials such as coal and petcoke that are used in the United States and throughout the world as fuel and as material ingredients for other essential products," said Dave Severson, president of KCBX Terminals. "This new facility will allow us to remain in business and continue to meet the needs of our customers."

The new facility, located on KCBX's current 82-acre South Terminal site, would be approximately 1,000 feet long, 200 feet wide and 100 feet tall – roughly the size of Navy Pier's Exhibition Hall on Lake Michigan. The proposed structure would feature steel siding and roofing, covered conveyer systems for transloading product, a dust collection system, water retention basins, automated fire protection and a water recycling system.

KCBX selected Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc. as the project's general contractor, which will work with the Chicago and Cook County Building Trades to ensure the local community is well represented on this major construction project.

### **KCBX FAST FACTS**

- **KCBX is proposing a \$120 million indoor terminal for Chicago's southeast side**
- **More than 150 construction-related jobs over two years**
- **The project will be one of the Southside's largest private investments since Ford's expansion in 2010**
- **Construction expected to begin in Fall 2015**

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“This is among the largest privately funded projects on Chicago’s southeast side since the Ford expansion in 2010,” said Dan Kilgore, vice president and general manager, Graycor Industrial Constructors. “It is a significant undertaking that will transform this part of the Calumet River and provide a boost in local employment and economic activity.”

“New private investment in Chicago is exciting news because it translates to more jobs,” added Tom Villanova, president of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. “Skilled men and women in the union trades welcome the opportunities that will be available to them from a project of this scale. I look forward to working with my locals from a variety of union trades to keep Chicago working.”

KCBX has operated its North Terminal on the southeast side for almost 25 years. It acquired its South terminal, located at 10730 South Burley Avenue, in December of 2012, which is where the company plans to build the new facility and consolidate its operations. Since originally acquiring the outdoor terminal on Burley Avenue two years ago, KCBX has invested \$30 million in improvements including \$10 million in a dust suppression system that consists of water cannons, weather monitors, a wheel-washing station, spray bars on conveyors and transfer points and other safeguards.

Additional information about project, including renderings of the new facility is available at [www.aboutpetcoke.com](http://www.aboutpetcoke.com).

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