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Port of Walla Walla announces that ROCKWOOL North America has signed an agreement to acquire 250 acres at the Port's Wallula Gap Business Park, Walla Walla County, Washington

Walla Walla, Washington – ROCKWOOL North America has signed an agreement to acquire 250 acres at the Port's Wallula Gap Business Park, Walla Walla County, Washington with the intent to build a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility featuring proprietary electric melting technology for its stone wool insulation products. The Port's Wallula Gap Business Park is a 1,280-acre site zoned for heavy and mixed industrial uses and is located in the western portion of Walla Walla County, Washington.

“On behalf of the Port of Walla Walla, I'd like to be among the first to welcome ROCKWOOL to Walla Walla County. Their facility and corporate culture will be a welcome addition to our community. Port staff, specifically Executive Director Pat Reay and Economic Development Director Paul Gerola, have been instrumental in making this project a reality. Over the past several years, they have been invaluable partners with ROCKWOOL through the due diligence process. Today's ROCKWOOL announcement was made possible by the vision and effort of prior Port Commissioners, staff members and various funding sources investing in the development of the Wallula Gap Business Park,” said Port Commission President Kip Kelly.

“ROCKWOOL has operated in North America for more than 30 years. We are excited to take this first step toward establishing ourselves in the Mid-Columbia region and growing our stone wool production capacity to better serve customers in the western United States,” said Rory Moss, President of ROCKWOOL North America. “We look forward to engaging with the local communities and sharing more as plans develop.”

About Port of Walla Walla

Port Mission: Working to enhance the economic vitality of Walla Walla County through the creation and retention of family wage jobs. Founded in 1952, the Port of Walla Walla is a municipal corporation responsible for fostering economic development throughout Walla Walla County. The Port measures its success in terms of its ability to create and retain family wage jobs, attract and encourage new investment, expand the region's tax base, maintain multi-modal transportation linkages, build community infrastructure to support economic development, and provide leadership in enhancing Walla Walla County's overall economic vitality and quality of life. For more information on the Port of Walla Walla visit www.portwallawalla.com.

About ROCKWOOL™

ROCKWOOL is North America's largest stone wool manufacturer, with four manufacturing facilities throughout the United States and Canada and nearly 1,100 employees. We are committed to enriching the lives of everyone who experiences our products and services. We help our customers and communities tackle many of today's biggest sustainability and development challenges, from energy consumption and noise pollution to fire resilience, water scarcity and flooding. Our product range reflects the diversity of North America's built environment, while supporting our stakeholders in reducing their own carbon footprint – all by releasing the natural power of stone. For more information visit: www.rockwool.com or the global site at www.rockwool.com/group.