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**GROUND BREAKING HELD FOR NEW WASHINGTON COUNTY FACILITY
THAT WILL EMPLOY 70**

Abingdon, VA – On Tuesday, March 6, 2001, Maumee Express, Inc. and MXI Environmental Services LLC, collectively known as MXI, hosted a ground breaking ceremony at the site of their new office, maintenance and processing facility that is being constructed on State Route 879 just off RT 81 at exit 22. The facility will consist of three separate buildings: a 3,000 square foot administrative office, an 8,000-sq. ft. maintenance garage and a 24,000-sq. ft. materials recovery facility. The total site covers 6 ½ acres and will support expansion of MXI's operations currently conducted at 17600 Jeb Stuart Highway. This facility represents a private investment of 1.5 million dollars and will employ approximately 70 people when fully operational.

Mr. Ron Potter and Mrs. Rachel Potter, MXI owners, welcomed Washington County officials Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Ms. Christianne E. Parker, Assistant County Administrator. Also attending were Mr. James Bishop, Regional Vice President of First Vantage Bank, and Mr. Fred Rowlett of the law offices of Penn Stuart.

MXI has worked closely with County officials to site this privately funded facility in Washington County. Mr. Bishop of First Vantage worked with Mr. and Mrs. Potter, who are also the principals of Potter Realty LLC, to arrange for project financing. Mr. Rowlett of Penn Stuart completed the legal work associated with the transaction.

Also participating in the ground breaking were Joey Atkins, MXI's Operations Manager, and Mrs. Peggy Snead for MXI Environmental Services. Mr. Wilson Ball, Maintenance Manager, and Mr. Jackie Clifton, Senior Driver, represented Maumee Express, Inc.

Mr. James Gore, developed the plan for the facility. Mr. Gore has been appointed Project Manager and will supervise construction of the new facility. He worked with Mr. Bob Taylor, of R. D. Designs, who prepared and submitted the site plans to Washington County for approval. Both Mr. Gore and Mr. Taylor were onsite for the ceremony.

Site preparation is being done by Farmers Construction, which was represented at the ground breaking by Misters Wade and Donald Farmer, who were accompanied by their wives. Stone Mountain Construction will build the new maintenance and materials recovery facility. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Mike White attended the ceremony for Stone Mountain. Hughes Construction will build the administrative office, and both Mr. Hughes and his son Jerry attended the ground breaking.

MXI has been active in Washington County for over ten years. Its operations have expanded significantly over time and currently include transportation, recycling and disposal of various materials. In addition, MXI offers a wide range of remediation services. The Washington County facility is the Central Dispatch and Maintenance Hub for the trucking operation and is the primary facility for Materials Recovery. MXI also has offices in New Jersey, Texas and California.



