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Three New World Records Set on Major Indianapolis Construction Project

Deep Rock Tunnel Project Now Fastest in the World

Indianapolis, March 3, 2014: Local 120 of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) today announced their members have been key partners in setting three (3) new world records in tunnel construction. The new world records occurred on the \$180 million dollar Deep Rock Tunnel Connector project, the first of five tunnels in the Citizens Energy Group combined sewer overflow project.

The contractor is a joint venture between J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. and Kiewit Infrastructure Company. Prior to the beginning of construction in 2011, Local 120 and Shea-Kiewit signed a partnership agreement to provide for the creation of approximately 80 new jobs for area residents. The majority of the workers on the project are members of Local 120 including the operators of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM).

Shea-Kiewit spokesman, Stuart Lipofsky, commented on the records, "Not only have we set three new world records for tunnel construction, we have done it while maintaining a zero-incident safety record. Safety and production are not mutually exclusive. On this project we've shown that a construction contractor can have incredibly efficient production while maintaining the highest standards of worker safety. Our entire team has done a fantastic job in every way possible."

The new world records are as follows:

- Most Feet Mined in One Day – 409.89 Feet; Set May 10, 2013
- Most Feet Mined in One Week – 1,690.04 Feet; Set June 10-14, 2013
- Most Feet Mined in One Month – 5,755.15 Feet; Set May 2013

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Ward Daniels, Business Manager for LIUNA, Local 120 commented on the milestone achievement, "We are extremely proud of our members for their hard work and dedication in becoming world record holders for tunnel construction, but also for their outstanding dedication to safety on the job." Daniels commented further, "When we engage in partnerships such as we have with Shea-Kiewit, it benefits everyone – the workers, the company, Citizens Energy Group, and most of all, the Hoosier economy. We are fully committed to developing partnerships which create Hoosier jobs and build a brighter economic future for Indiana."

Lipofsky confirmed that the project is approximately a year ahead of schedule and the tunnel excavation nearly 80% complete. The Deep Rock Tunnel Connector is 18 feet in diameter, 250 feet below ground and once completed, eight miles long. The Deep Rock Tunnel Connector is the first in a tunnel system now called DIG INDY being constructed underground to reduce Indianapolis' combined sewage overflow problem. DIG INDY will span 25 miles and will capture and store 250 millions of gallons of raw sewage for treatment.

The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 103 also has members working on the Deep Rock Tunnel Connector project.

If you would like more information on the Deep Rock Tunnel Connector and the world records, please contact:

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