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***PUEBLO SELECTED AS NEW COLORADO PRODUCTION SITE BY
LEADING CONCRETE RAILROAD TIE PRODUCER***

Rocla Concrete Tie Will Build New Production Facility in Pueblo.

Pueblo, Colorado, April 9, 2012 ---- Rocla Concrete Tie, Inc., the nation's largest producer of pre-stressed concrete rail road ties, has announced that it has selected Pueblo as the location for its new Colorado production facility. The Pueblo plant, which is scheduled to be opened in the fourth quarter of this year, will be the company's largest facility in the U.S. Rocla also has plants in Amarillo, TX and Bear DE. The announcement was made in conjunction with the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO).

More than 100 people will eventually be employed at the plant when it reaches full operating capacity. Construction of the facility will begin immediately on property the company purchased in the St. Charles Industrial Park on the south side of the city near the current Vestas Wind Systems plant. Rocla estimates that at full capacity, the new Pueblo plant can produce between 750,000 and one million ties per year.

In making the announcement, Peter Urquhart, Rocla's president praised the cooperation the company has received from PEDCO, the city of Pueblo and Pueblo County. "We look forward to being a member of this community and doing business here," he said. He added that the move from Denver was prompted by the fact that the land on which the Denver plant was located was purchased by the city to make way for expansion of the light rail system.

Mr. Urquhart explained that the technology to be used at the Pueblo plant to produce its ties has evolved during the company's 25 year history. He noted that Rocla's customers include the largest rail road companies including Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad. Its products are used in for Class 1 railroad lines, light rail/transit projects, high speed rail lines and industrial lines throughout the country. Since Rocla's founding it has produced more than 20 million ties.

Andrew Lang, PEDCO'S chairman noted that communities outside of Colorado were actively seeking the new Rocla plant. "We are thrilled that our city was selected which will bring a significant number of new jobs here but will also keep them in Colorado. In addition, there will be more construction jobs in the near term. As always, PEDCO, the City of Pueblo and Pueblo County worked together as a team to present to Rocla the many advantages of building their facility here. We also received excellent cooperation from BNSF, Union Pacific and EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel in order to establish a rail line to the plant's location." Lang also noted that the decision by Rocla is another example of the advantages resulting from the city's ½ cent sales tax which is earmarked to support economic development. A portion of these funds was made available to Rocla to help provide rail service for its new building.

About Rocla Concrete Tie, Inc.:

Rocla Concrete Tie, Inc. is a key supplier of concrete ties to America's largest freight railroads, as well as the United States' only High Speed Rail project. Along with many transit projects and industrial applications, our experience in designing concrete ties is the most reliable and cost effective in the world. More information can be found at www.roclatie.com.

About Pueblo Economic Development Corporation:

The Pueblo Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) is a privately held, non-profit agency that is dedicated to the promotion of the Pueblo Area to businesses and industries considering expansion or relocation. PEDCO works with city, county and community organizations to coordinate available resources for economic development. The organization's membership is comprised of the community's business, academic, cultural, not-for-profit and government leaders. www.pedco.org

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