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Reading & Northern Railroad Lands New Freight Customer

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April 4, 2023 - Port Clinton, PA –Reading & Northern Railroad (RBMN), Pennsylvania’s largest privately-owned railroad, is pleased to announce a new customer to the railroad, Stella-Jones Corporation (SJC).

SJC, a distributor of utility poles, is now operating a new distribution yard in Morea, PA. SJC has been operating from leased property in Hazleton, PA. When SJC learned its lease would not be extended it began a two-year search for a new location. RBMN, working with Ettore DiCasimirro, the owner of Skytop Fuels and the owner of hundreds of acres of land along RBMN tracks and I-81 in Morea, offered SJC a suitable site and SJC was able to make a long-term deal to set up their operation in Morea.

The site was prepped this year through the winter and on March 21, 2023, SJC received and unloaded their first railcar for pole inventory. The next day, three additional cars arrived for unloading. More cars are in transit as the Morea site ramps up and the Hazleton site is closed down.

The distribution yard will serve utility customers throughout Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. Poles will come into the yard via rail and be delivered to the customers and job sites by truck. This location in Morea is ideal due to the rail service provided by RBMN and the proximity to major highways.

Posing in front of the first inventory utility pole car to be unloaded at the new Morea Yard. L to R: Eric Peters, RBMN VP Transportation; Tyler Glass, RBMN EVP Transportation; Ettore DiCasimirro, Skytop Fuels Owner; Rian Nemeroff, RBMN SVP; Brian Kwiatkowski, Stella-Jones Corporation Site Manager; Susan Ludwig RBMN VP; Ettore DiCasimirro, Jr., Skytop Fuels VP; Jesse Redgate, Skytop Fuels Head of Operations; and Jim Carr, JFC Hauling, Owner/Operator.

Stella-Jones is North America’s leading producer of pressure-treated wood products. It supplies all the continent’s major electrical utilities and telecommunication companies with wood utility poles and North America’s Class 1, short line and commercial railroad operators with railway ties and timbers. Stella-Jones also provides industrial products, which include wood for railway bridges and crossings, marine and foundation pilings, construction timbers and coal tar-based products. Additionally, the Company manufactures and distributes premium treated residential lumber and accessories to Canadian and American retailers for outdoor applications, with a significant portion of the business devoted to servicing the Canadian market through its national manufacturing and distribution network. The Company’s common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Reading & Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving over 70 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties (Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Wyoming). It has expanded its operations over the last 40 years and now handles over 34,000 carloads of freight and 250,000 excursion train riders over 400 miles of track. Reading & Northern operates both freight services and steam and diesel-powered excursion passenger services, owns over 1,700 freight cars, and employs nearly 300 dedicated employees. Reading & Northern has repeatedly been honored as one of the premier railroads in the nation including being named Regional Railroad of the year in 2020 by Railway Age Magazine