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UPDATE REGARDING QTS DATA CENTERS INQUIRY FOR ANNEXATION TO THE VILLAGE OF DEFOREST

DeForest, WI – QTS Data Centers (“QTS”) has approached the Village of DeForest inquiring about the possibility of annexation of lands proposed for its data center and the land development approval process in the Village. To date, the Village of DeForest has not yet received any petition for annexation or applications for land use approvals.

If an annexation petition is filed with the Village, it will be reviewed in accordance with state statutes and with consideration of the project’s impact on the Village. It will also be reviewed by the Wisconsin Department of Administration to determine whether the proposed annexation is in the public interest. In both cases, the analysis will be the same as with any other annexation request. Any land use applications will be considered and processed in accordance with the DeForest Municipal Code. Opportunities for the public to learn about, and comment on, the project will be provided as part of the Village’s normal due diligence process. Until the Village receives an application and fully understands the scope and details of the project, it cannot make any decisions or initiate any of the necessary formal reviews.

The Village understands the public’s concerns and has questions of its own that will require further exploration. Like other projects seeking to develop in DeForest, the Village will work to obtain that information and provide it to the public as it becomes available.

The Village is aware of a proposal for a Cooperation Agreement between QTS and the Town of Vienna. The Village is not party to that agreement, nor has the Village taken any part in the negotiation of that contract. Any questions regarding that agreement should be directed to the Town of Vienna or QTS.

Bill Chang, Village of DeForest Administrator