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**INDIANA RAIL ROAD OPENS MEROM TRANSLOAD FOR WABASH VALLEY BUSINESS**

Indianapolis, IN, Thursday, July 14, 2016 – Indiana Rail Road (INRD) officials hosted a ribbon-cutting and cookout on July 14 to officially open the railroad’s new Merom Transload, designed to provide efficient movement of commerce for current and future customers in the Wabash Valley.

Located near Merom, Ind. – 35 miles south of Terre Haute and adjacent to Hoosier Energy’s Merom Generating Station – the rail-to-truck transload will serve companies that want to take advantage of the economic benefits of long-haul rail coupled with the flexibility of short-haul trucking.

Indiana Rail Road connects Indiana and Illinois shippers with the entire North American rail network via strategic rail connections at Chicago, Indianapolis and other gateways.

“We’ve opened Merom today to serve our partners at Hoosier Energy and Nelson Brothers mining services, to help them create more efficient supply chains,” said Peter Mills, INRD president and CEO. “However, Merom will offer operational efficiencies and superior service to agricultural and manufacturing companies across the Wabash Valley – in Indiana and Illinois – so we look forward to creating new partnerships through this great asset.”

Merom is the third rail-to-truck (and truck-to-rail) transload facility on INRD’s system, along with Senate Avenue Terminal in downtown Indianapolis, and the Odon Transload, located 3 miles east of the Interstate 69-State Road 58 interchange in Odon, near Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane in southwest Indiana.

INRD is also about to commence service to Venture Logistics new 405,000 square-foot warehouse and cross-dock on the south side of Indianapolis. A grand opening will take place for that facility later this summer.

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The Indiana Rail Road Company is a privately-held, 250-mile railroad which serves southwest Indiana and eastern Illinois, and connects to the entire North American rail network via strategic gateways at Chicago, Indianapolis and Newton, Ill.

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