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RAHALL PRAISES FIRMS FOR COMMITMENT TO WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, DC - Saying that things are picking up for Southern West Virginia, U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) praised two corporations for their decisions to expand in his Fourth Congressional District.

Aristech Chemical Corporation of Pittsburgh recently announced that its plant in Neal, W.Va. (Wayne County) will undergo a major modernization project. The renovation will enable the plant to manufacture a material used in the production of many industrial and domestic goods.

"The decision by Aristech to update its Neal operation is an indication that the tide is turning in regard to West Virginia's job picture," Rahall said. "The jobs created as a result of construction work and permanent workers once the remodeling is complete, will help boost the Wayne County economy."

In Princeton, officials from Engineering and Economics Research Inc. (EER) announced its plans to locate its corporate headquarters in the Mercer County seat, moving from Reston, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C.

"I am highly thrilled with the announcement that EER is moving its base of operation to Princeton," Rahall said. "The company has recently opened its El Tech facility in that city and their commitment to the area is evident by their latest move."

Rahall has been aiding EER officials who are pursuing defense contracts for the Princeton facility.

Rahall added that the news of Arista and EER expanding operations in West Virginia are an example of diversification of the state's economic base and further economic development.

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