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PRESS RELEASE

La Paz County, AZ – The La Paz Economic Development Corporation along with its client Rose Acre Farms are excited to announce that Rose Acre Farms has entered into an agreement to purchase over 2,600 acres in La Paz County, AZ from Arizona Public Service (APS). Rose Acre Farms plans to expand its egg producing operations into the State of Arizona. Vincent (Skip) Becker, President and CEO of The La Paz EDC is grateful to APS for this exciting endeavor in La Paz County. “This process has come full circle and we are delighted that APS wanted to ensure this would be an excellent project for La Paz County and the surrounding communities,” stated Becker.

“This project brings significant economic benefits to the local community and to Arizona,” said David Bentler, APS’s Manager of Community Development. “APS is proud to work with the La Paz Economic Development Corporation to bring new jobs to the community, enhance economic development in the area, and improve the long-term viability of La Paz County.”

Phase one of this project will create 80-100 much needed jobs in La Paz County. These jobs will include comprehensive employee benefits and Becker went on to say “Rose Acre Farms will invest more than \$80,000,000 dollars to complete Phase one.” This project will include a three million bird layer farm, a pullet farm, a rail spur and a feed milling operation.

“Organizations like the Arizona & California Railroad truly make a difference in securing a project of this magnitude,” according to Becker.

Rose Acre Farms is very community oriented. Strengthening the communities where we do business forms a key component to the Rose Acre Farms commitment to stewardship. At each of our locations around the country we look for ways to add value to our communities through environmental, social, and charitable projects. Even as it has grown to become the second-largest egg producer in the United States, Rose Acre Farms retains the family-owned values of excellence and integrity that characterized the business in its infancy back in the 1930s. Today, the family remains involved in the company's day-to-day activities.

Mr. Becker along with the Board of Directors and all of the members of the La Paz EDC believe this is economic development at its finest. They would like to thank Rose Acre Farms, The Rust Family, Chips Everhart, Marcus Rust, APS, The Arizona & California Railroad, The Arizona Commerce Authority and the La Paz County Board of Supervisors for their support of this project.

WHO: La Paz Economic Development Corporation and Rose Acre Farms

WHAT: Rose Acre Farms Expanding its Farming Operation

WHEN: October 2014

WHERE: La Paz County, AZ

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