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FutureGen Alliance Closes Deal Returning Mattoon Land to Coles Together

Mattoon, Ill. — The FutureGen Alliance announced today it has finalized the sale of the land originally purchased from Coles Together for the original FutureGen project. The conclusion of this transaction will allow Coles Together to continue to pursue economic development opportunities for the site and the Alliance will redirect funds from the sale to the FutureGen 2.0 project in Morgan County. The Mattoon land was originally purchased by the Alliance for \$3.5 million and was sold to the Coles Together for \$700,000.

Ken Humphreys, chief executive officer of the FutureGen Alliance, stated: "The Alliance is pleased that the sale is finalized and Coles Together and the Mattoon community can move forward to further develop the site. The site has several features that make it exceptional for future economic development including excellent transportation access and proximity to gas, electric, and water supplies. In addition it has a completed environmental impact statement, which could shave considerable time off a future construction project. Coles Together and the Mattoon community have been invaluable partners in developing the FutureGen project, and we know they will provide the same cooperation and enthusiasm to any organization that develops the site as they have to the Alliance."

Angela Griffin, President of Coles Together stated: "It is bittersweet to conclude our professional association with the FutureGen Alliance. The recent real estate transaction effectively provides for local ownership and management of the entire 440 acre site and allows Coles Together to market the site unconstrained by third-party interests. However, it also marks the end of a dynamic professional association with the members of the FutureGen Alliance, all of whom continue to be friends of Coles County and advocates for the development of clean energy projects regardless of the Illinois zip code."

FutureGen 2.0 would be a first-of-its-kind near-zero emissions power plant. The program involves upgrading the Meredosia Energy Center's Unit 4 with oxy-combustion technology to capture approximately 90 percent of the plant's carbon emissions. Using safe, proven pipeline technology, the CO₂ would be transported and permanently stored underground at a nearby storage site. The FutureGen 2.0 technologies have the potential to repower the world's fleet of coal-fueled power plants in a manner that achieves near-zero emissions of all regulated pollutants, spurs job creation and substantially advances clean energy technology around the globe.

The FutureGen Alliance is a non-profit membership organization created to further the development and demonstration of near-zero emissions coal technology.

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