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Tara L. Weidner, Health Physicist
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Ms. Weidner:

After 37 years of service to St. Clair Hospital, 34 of those years as the President and CEO, Benjamin E. Snead has announced his retirement effective April 1, 2006. In the years he has led St. Clair, the Hospital has grown from a 167 bed community hospital to a 331 bed facility with specialties in Open Heart Surgery, Oncology, Orthopedics, Maternity and general acute care. The Emergency Department has also expanded to over 50,000 visits annually, one of the busiest in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. James M. Collins, previously the President and CEO of West Penn Hospital, was chosen as the new President and CEO of St. Clair Hospital. Mr. Collins comes to St. Clair with impeccable credentials and a deep commitment to the 350,000 residents the Hospital serves. "Community Hospitals are the lifeblood of healthcare, service to the residents and a major source of employment and economic stability to its communities. I welcome the opportunity to continue these commitments and expand upon the services this respected Hospital provides" said Mr. Collins. Mr. Collins assumes his duties on April 1, 2006.

For further information, please contact the Office of the President, St. Clair Hospital, 1000 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Ague
Executive Vice President and COO
Secretary, Board of Directors

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