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## **Governor Personally Welcomes US GYPSUM**

**San Francisco, CA** –Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger personally welcomed US Gypsum Corporation (USG) President James S. Metcalf this morning at a press conference in San Francisco.

This meeting followed USG's announcement on Monday of its plans by its subsidiary, United States Gypsum Company, to build a multi-million dollar SHEETROCK® brand gypsum panel manufacturing plant at the Port of Stockton in Stockton, CA.

Monday's announcement concluded two years of efforts by a cooperative consortium facilitated through the San Joaquin Partnership, a nonprofit economic development corporation, to bring the project to California and specifically to the Port of Stockton.

Partnership President & CEO Michael E. Locke credited the efforts of the Governor as instrumental in USG's ultimate decision.

"We were pleased to see the *positive active role* of the Governor and his staff in assisting in bringing this major project to Stockton," says Locke.

He says that the partnership between the Governor's office, the Port of Stockton, the City of Stockton and the San Joaquin Partnership was essential to achieve the \$221million investment by USG bringing a long-term commitment to jobs in Stockton.

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