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Headline: “Industrial Energy Consumers of America Applauds Administration Announcement to Develop Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Offshore Regions

(Washington D.C.) “President Obama’s announcement today is an important first step toward developing our vast offshore hydrocarbon resources in the Mid and South Atlantic regions,” said Paul N. Cicio, president of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA). “We strongly urge the President to move forward quickly and complete the seismic exploration of these regions.”

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies from a diverse set of industries including plastics, cement, paper, food processing, brick, chemicals, fertilizer, insulation, steel, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, aluminum and brewing whose competitiveness is often dependent upon the price of natural gas and natural gas fired electricity.

It is essential that the United States take the necessary steps to increase domestic production of oil and natural gas. Doing so will increase supply of needed hydrocarbons necessary for a globally competitive manufacturing sector which will in turn create jobs and exports.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$900 billion in annual sales and with more than 850,000 employees nationwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through research, advocacy, and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets