

**Ports Petroleum Company, Inc. to Sell 65 Petroleum Marketing
and Convenience Retail Locations in the Greater Midwest**

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Ports Petroleum Company, Inc. ("PPC" or "the Company"), a leading petroleum marketing, distribution and convenience store company headquartered in Wooster, Ohio, is offering to sell its retail operation through an auction to be managed by Matrix Capital Markets Group, Inc. The Company's retail chain, which trades as Fuel Mart®, is comprised of 62 fueling centers and convenience stores serving professional drivers, interstate motorists, and local consumers. PPC will also sell its 3 discount cigarette and specialty tobacco product outlets, which trade as Tobacco Town®, and a vacant retail site. 51 of the retail units plus the vacant retail site include the real estate and all of the retail units are unbranded.

The retail units are geographically dispersed across 12 states, with a prevailing presence in the Midwest: Ohio (41), Nebraska (4), Iowa (3), Georgia (3), Mississippi, (3), Tennessee (3), Arkansas (2), Indiana (2), Illinois (1), South Dakota (1), Kentucky (1), and Missouri (1).

It is anticipated that a bidders' conference will be held on July 20, 2005; final bids will be due on or before August 11, 2005; the live auction, open only to qualified bidders, will be held on August 24, 2005. All dates are subject to change.

In order to receive a bid package, potential bidders must execute a confidentiality agreement and a bidder contact form, which can be downloaded from www.matrixcapitalonline.com and clicking on the "Ports Midwest Auction" link, or by contacting Matrix as follows:

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Matrix Capital Markets Group, Inc. is a leading middle market investment bank headquartered in Richmond, VA. Since our founding in 1988, Matrix has focused on privately held companies and specialized in merger and acquisition and financial advisory services including exclusive sales and divestitures, management buyouts, strategic acquisition searches, debt & equity placements and valuations.

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