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## Diamond to Manage Wireless Equipment on Ohio Turnpike's 34 Communication Towers Diamond also will develop New Towers along Ohio Turnpike Corridor

(BEREA, Ohio, Aug. 18, 2015) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission and Diamond Communications today announced a tower license brokerage and management agreement. Under the agreement, Diamond has the exclusive right to market and manage the Commission's communication towers, buildings, light poles and other structures owned or controlled by the Commission for the location of wireless carrier equipment.

Diamond will market the Commission's real estate holdings as potential locations for new communication towers that may be built on Ohio Turnpike property. It also will manage the Commission's interests in existing ground leases and tower agreements on Commission property.

"This partnership with Diamond will help us take advantage of the growth of wireless carriers, data usage, new telecommunications sites and the next generation of wireless apps," said Ohio Turnpike Executive Director Randy Cole. "Ohio Turnpike customers will benefit from an increase in wireless coverage along the Turnpike corridor and an increase in non-toll revenue for Turnpike operations."

"Diamond is excited to enter into this Management Agreement with OTIC as it significantly expands both our colocatable wireless infrastructure assets and our portfolio of available real estate in key Northern Ohio Markets – an area where we already have extensive experience and deep carrier relationships," said Peter Woodbury, President, Diamond Land Acquisitions and Site Management. "The entire staff at OTIC has been tremendous to work with in completing the management agreement and working through implementation. We are looking forward to a long and successful partnership with OTIC."

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**Diamond Communications** is headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, with eight regional offices across the United States, including Akron, Ohio. Diamond is one of the largest private U.S. wireless infrastructure companies and manages in excess of 125,000 properties and structures and thousands of miles of rights-of-way across the country. Diamond has longstanding relationships with the major wireless carriers, regional carriers, first responders and other wireless users.

**The Ohio Turnpike** is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip.

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