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STATEMENT FROM MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAGGIE BROOKS

Re: Kodak Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection

“Like many across our community, I received the news of Kodak’s decision to file for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection with a heavy heart. While this development did not come as a surprise, there is no doubt the Eastman Kodak Company legacy will always remain intertwined with Monroe County’s own rich history. It’s important to remember, however, that our local economy is no longer defined by solely by Kodak’s contributions – it hasn’t been for some time.

As County Executive, I proudly make regular visits to businesses and employers throughout our area. I am always inspired by the strength and resiliency of our local economy, especially the hardworking men and women who drive it forward. We, as a community, do have much to be proud of. We continue to grow private sector jobs faster than any other community in the State, our consumer confidence is currently the highest in all of New York, national publications have ranked our job market as one of the strongest in the nation, and recently we were recognized as one of the world’s top ten places poised for greatness in the year 2012. Our local economy, once defined by a handful of large manufacturers, is now a diverse and exciting mix of small and mid-sized businesses that are showing electric growth in fields like optics, high-technology, healthcare, and education.

For these reasons, I am confident that our best days are yet to come. Moving forward, Monroe County will continue to work closely with local public and private sector leaders, including those guiding Kodak’s restructuring, to support the company in a way that best serves the interests of our entire community. Let’s all root for a future for Kodak that is just as strong as its past, but we should also take pride in a Monroe County economy that grows stronger with each passing day.”

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