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**OmniTRAX Affiliate Partners with Topflight Grain Cooperative to Operate  
Decatur Central Railroad**

*Purchase confirms OmniTRAX support of the Midwest Inland Port*

**DENVER** – A managed affiliate of OmniTRAX, Inc., one of the largest privately held transportation service companies in North America and an affiliate of The Broe Group, and Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc. are entering into a joint venture to operate, drive business to and rehabilitate the line currently owned by Topflight Grain. OmniTRAX will manage the newly renamed Decatur Central Railroad, LLC, which links Cisco and Decatur, IL, commencing in late 2016. Terms were not disclosed.

“The Decatur Central Railroad is a great opportunity for OmniTRAX due to strong existing commodity flows, real-estate driven expansion prospects and the potential to add new diversified business. We’re also very excited to work with the Topflight and Midwest Inland Port teams, and to be a part of the Decatur business community,” said Kevin Shuba, CEO of OmniTRAX.

“We see a lot of opportunity on the rail line for improved performance and expansion. OmniTRAX has had great success with their other railroads and industrial parks, and we look forward to working with them to grow the business here for years to come,” said Scott Docherty, CEO/General Manager of Topflight Grain Cooperative.

The Decatur Central Railroad will transport grain from Topflight Coop members to the plants of ADM, Tate & Lyle and other processing companies in and around Macon County. The line, which interchanges with CN just north of Decatur, is integral to the growth plans of the Midwest Inland Port. A division by the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur & Macon County, the Midwest Inland Port is a multi-modal hub in Decatur that delivers domestic and international logistics flexibility through a well-positioned transportation corridor connecting the Midwest with the East, West and Gulf Coasts.

“OmniTRAX has a great track record of developing businesses that grow regional economies and create new jobs, and Topflight is a key agriculture player in Central Illinois. We look forward to working with them to help the Midwest Inland Port reach its full potential,” said EDC President Ryan McCrady.

**About OmniTRAX, Inc.**

As one of North America’s largest private railroad and transportation management companies, OmniTRAX's core capabilities range from providing management services to railroad and port services and to intermodal and industrial switching operations. Through its affiliation with The Broe Group and its portfolio of managed companies, OmniTRAX also has the unique capability of offering specialized industrial development and real estate solutions, both on and off the rail network managed by OmniTRAX. More information is available at [www.omnitrax.com](http://www.omnitrax.com).

**About The Broe Group**

The Broe Group, based in Denver, Colorado, is a diversified privately-owned enterprise with a multi-billion dollar asset base. The Broe Group and its affiliates employ more than 1,000 people directly and provide employment for countless others through its Great Western Industrial Park in Northern Colorado. The Broe Group and its affiliates own and/or manage commercial real estate and other businesses across North America. Its transportation affiliate, OmniTRAX, Inc., is a leading transportation services firm with railroad, port and terminal operations, and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest operator of short-line railroads in the U.S. Its energy affiliate, Great Western Oil & Gas Company, is a top 10 driller in Colorado and among the top 100 drillers in the U.S. The Broe Group has multiple other investment affiliates, including Three Leaf Ventures, which is focused on innovative healthcare technology start-ups. For more information, see [www.broe.com](http://www.broe.com).

**About Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc.**

Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc. is a farmer-owned grain cooperative in the heartland of the USA in the middle of Illinois grain belt. The rich soils and modern farm practices produce record yields of quality grains. More information is available at <http://topflightgrain.com/>.

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