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Dirk Willis, Group Director of Golf for Kohler Co.'s Hospitality and Real Estate Group, today issued the following statement after the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) indicated that the company's wetland application has been approved:

“After nearly three years of analysis, many public meetings and hearings, extensive public commentary and a detailed and comprehensive environmental review of our proposed golf course project, Kohler Co. is pleased to reach this major milestone with the DNR's approval of our wetland permit. The DNR staff has put a lot of scrutiny into our application, and we are pleased that the wetland permit has been approved and that the project will continue moving forward. We remain committed to implementing a plan that will avoid, minimize and mitigate potential impacts from the public golf course, and we reaffirm our pledge that our company's established track record of good business practices and sound environmental policy will be reflected in this project.

“It's important to remember that this project will bring many positive benefits to the City of Sheboygan and the surrounding region. These tangible benefits include more than 220 new full time jobs, an estimated \$1.1 million annually in new tax revenues and an additional \$3.6 million in associated salaries and benefits in the area. Additionally, the construction of this world-class public golf course will have an annual \$20.6 million positive economic impact to the region and further enhance Sheboygan's growing reputation as a destination for tourists and others who want to live and work in a thriving community.”