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**Statement from BIC Chairman Chris Hamilton on the announcement of \$83 billion investment from China Energy Group:**

"This announcement is proof positive that West Virginia truly can live up to its potential of being a global energy leader. We have the right leader in Washington who recognizes and appreciates the abundant natural resources and workforce we have here. Our state government leaders are telling our story worldwide, and the results are nothing short of historic. The West Virginia Business & Industry Council is excited for this development and what it will mean for our workers and our economy. Thank you President Trump, Governor Jim Justice and Commerce Secretary Woody Thrasher for this incredible development."

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*The West Virginia Business & Industry Council's membership includes trade associations and businesses from 26 separate industry classifications that represent some 400,000 workers in West Virginia. The organization works to enhance the business climate in West Virginia, and its members have been working to that end for more than three decades.*