

U.S. COMPANY MANUFACTURING

Catalina Tempering has announced the opening of a 67,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Surry County which will employ 20 people. The company produces heat-tempered glass and has two facilities in Los Angeles and Irving, TX. Catalina Tempering is part of Glasswerks, headquartered in South Gate, CA. Glasswerks provides quality glass and mirror products and is in its fourth decade of operation.

Townsend Inc., a leading international producer and marketer of poultry products, will expand in Davie County. The company plans to create 103 jobs and invest \$700,000 over the next three years. Delaware-based Townsend is a 118-year old poultry company that supplies value-added chicken products to the domestic and international food service and retail markets. The Mocksville facility operates as Crestwood Farms and currently employs 267 workers.

Central States Manufacturing Inc., a regional manufacturer of metal building components, will open a new metalworking plant in Mount Airy. The company will create 45 jobs and invest more than \$4.5 million. The company, based in Arkansas, manufactures and delivers high-quality metal building components to post frame, commercial and residential customers. Operations at the Mount Airy plant will include forming, cutting and assembling coated steel parts and panels. The new jobs will pay an average annual wage of \$40,656, not including benefits, which is significantly higher than Surry County's average annual wage. Central States Manufacturing Inc. is an employee-owned company that currently has manufacturing facilities in Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana and Texas.

Machine Specialties, Inc. (MSI), a leading full-service contract machining and metal finishing specialist that primarily serves the aerospace, defense, and medical industries, will significantly expand its operations in Greensboro. MSI will move their operation from a 50,000 sq ft facility in Greensboro to a 153,000 sq ft facility located at Rock Creek Center in Whitsett. The company expects to add 145 new employees by 2015, more than doubling their current workforce. The expansion represents approximately \$5 million in new capital investment for machinery, equipment, and building upfit.

Harland Clarke Corp., a leading provider of integrated payment solutions, marketing services, business solutions, security, and technology solutions, celebrated the grand opening of its new check manufacturing and order fulfillment facility in High Point. The company has doubled its physical size and added 80 jobs. Currently, 280 employees work in High Point. The new facility is capable of manufacturing 100,000 check units per day. The San Antonio-based company serves approximately 15,000 financial institutions. The company had revenues of \$1.8 billion in 2008 and has had a presence in the Triad for 54 years.

Vesture Corp., an Asheboro-based manufacturer of portable heating and cooling products, is a recipient of a North Carolina Green Business Fund grant. The grants are designed to support environmentally friendly innovations, job creation and economic development. Vesture Corp. has been awarded \$75,000 to produce a new home insulation product that uses phase-change materials. The materials are solid at room temperature but liquefy when the temperature rises to absorb and store heat. The material solidifies when the temperature drops and gives off heat that will warm the house and reduce consumer energy costs.

RECENT ACTIVITY

RF Micro Devices, Inc., a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance semiconductor components, has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to develop a commercially viable and high volume-capable compound semiconductor-based process for high-performance photovoltaic (PV) cells. NREL has designed a type of solar cell that can produce twice as much power from the same amount of sunlight as solar cells that are currently on the market. The partnership will combine NREL's solar cell innovation with RFMD's expertise in volume manufacturing to develop a process to produce the new type of solar chip on a scale big enough to supply the makers of solar arrays.

Loparex LLC, a global manufacturer of polycoated and silicone-coated papers and films, will expand its manufacturing operation in Eden. The company plans to invest \$16.9 million and create 68 jobs during the next three and a half years. The company's products are critical components of many medical supplies and devices, including backings for heart-monitor electrode pads and transdermal patches that deliver medicine through the skin. Loparex products and processes also are used in the automotive industry; for turbine propellers that generate wind power; and precise die-cutting used in mobile phones and digital cameras.

Powertray, LLC, a manufacturer of paperboard trays for the frozen, retail, meat and poultry food industries, will open a new plant in Mocksville. The company designs, manufactures, and distributes paperboard trays, bowls, and lidding systems for the frozen, convenience, and retail food industries for the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Powertray, LLC is committed to "going green". Their cellulose, fiber-based paperboard is environmentally safe and biodegradable. Powertray, LLC's new manufacturing plant will open in June 2009, and will employ 50 people by 2011.

Precor Inc., an international manufacturer of physical fitness equipment, will build a manufacturing, assembly and distribution facility at Rock Creek Center in Guilford County. The company will invest \$26.2 million to build a 225,000 SF LEED certified building to accommodate their operations and plans to hire approximately 142 employees by 2011. The facility will also be the headquarters for the Precor Strength Division. The Washington-based company, is a global leader in fitness equipment. In Greensboro, Precor will manufacture commercial strength equipment for a range of venues including health clubs, hotels, universities and multifamily housing. Precor is a brand of Amer Sports Corp., the world's largest sports equipment company. The project was made possible in part by a \$142,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURING

TurboCare Inc., a subsidiary of Siemens Energy, will expand its Forsyth County facility, creating 110 jobs and investing \$30 million during the next three years. TurboCare provides turbomachinery parts and services to companies in the industrial and power generation markets in more than 100 countries. The company provides a complete range of component repair, equipment refurbishment, system retrofits, engineering and parts replacement services with 2,500 employees worldwide which includes 176 workers currently in Rural Hall. Salaries for the 110 new workers will vary by job function, but the overall average wage will be \$45,855 a year, not including benefits, which is higher than the Forsyth County average annual wage.

Nonni's Food Co., a national specialty food company, is opening a commercial bakery in Yadkinville, investing \$27 million and adding 172 jobs during the next three years. Nonni's Food Co., headquartered in Illinois, is owned by Vivartia SA, an international food company headquartered in Greece with operations in 29 countries. The new plant will make products that the company has successfully marketed in Europe and other world markets. Nonni's is a specialty food marketer and manufacturer with leading positions in a number of premium markets, including biscotti, bagel and pita chips, flat breads, Melba toast. The company has facilities throughout the U.S. and distributes the name brands of Nonni's, New York Style, Old London and Devonsheer. The expansion was made possible in part by a \$300,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

LOGISTICS & DISTRIBUTION

Andes International, a furniture manufacturer known for its unique hand finishing processes, has opened a distribution center in High Point. The company makes furniture for bedrooms, home offices, dining rooms, and living rooms at its factory in Chile. For 21 years, the company has shown its products at the High Point Market, the world's largest home furnishings exhibition. The company created two positions to staff the new High Point distribution center and anticipates hiring additional employees.

Hörmann LLC, a major global supplier of garage doors will open a 24,000-square-foot warehouse and distribution center in High Point. The company plans to hire seven to 10 employees. Hörmann, a German company best known for garage doors, also makes residential entry and other doors, with worldwide sales of about \$1.8 billion in 2008.

FedEx Ground will build a new southeast sort facility in Guilford County. The company has purchased a 125-acre site along I-40 in the Triad Business Park and will construct a 400,000 sq ft facility capable of sorting 45,000 packages per hour at full build out. The FedEx Ground facility will open in 2011 with about 500 full- and part-time employees, of which about 150 will be new positions. The existing employees will come from the two facilities moving into the hub. The company will invest \$100 million in land, building construction, and new machinery and equipment.

OFFICE & HEADQUARTERS

TelWorx Communications, LLC celebrated the ribbon cutting of its state-of-the-art headquarters and warehouse in the Welcome Business Center. TelWorx moved to its new location from another business park in Davidson County. The new 40,000 square foot facility employs 27 workers. The company plans to add 35 jobs over the next 3 years that will pay an average salary of more than \$60,000.

Scottrade, a branch-supported online investing firm, has opened a new branch in Kernersville. The Missouri-based company offers investment products and market research tools to help self-directed investors make their own investing decisions. Scottrade brokers at branch offices are available to answer account-related questions and provide customer service but do not provide investment advice. Scottrade has 425 physical branches in the United States, including locations in Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

The Assurance Group plans to add about 100 jobs at its operation in Thomasville. The company, based in Archdale, is expanding its call center division, Innovative Marketing Solutions Center Inc. The Assurance Group has served insurance and financial clients for more than 20 years. The call center division, established in 2005, services more than 600,000 clients nationwide.

Mack Trucks, Inc. celebrated the grand opening of the new Mack World Headquarters in Greensboro. The company, a member of Volvo Group, announced in August 2008 that they would relocate their headquarters from Allentown, PA to Greensboro. The move was part of a restructuring plan by Volvo group designed to improve organizational efficiency and competitiveness. Many of the support functions that Mack relies on as a Volvo Group company such as human resources, information technology, financial services and logistics were already based in Greensboro. Mack Trucks, Inc. has provided its customers with innovative transportation solutions for more than a century. The Volvo Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment.

Schnadig International Corp., an international furniture company, will consolidate and significantly expand its operations in High Point and create approximately 70 additional jobs. The company will move its corporate headquarters, warehousing, and manufacturing operations in to a consolidated location High Point. The company's current sales and product development office in High Point will also relocate to the new facility. Schnadig expects the new facility to be operational before the end of the first quarter of 2009. Schnadig International Corp. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Markor International Furniture Co., Ltd., a world class furniture manufacturing and furniture retail operation based in China.

TECHNOLOGY

DataChambers, a North Carolina-based technology firm, announced plans to build a second data center on its 80-acre Winston-Salem campus and expand its existing data center for the second time in less than a year. The expansion represents a more than \$7 million investment and will more than double the company's capacity to serve clients. Currently, the company's data center, located 18 feet underground in a blast-resistant building, serves 110 firms in 28 states. DataChambers specializes in electronic data storage, network and monitoring solutions, managed information technology solutions, co-location services, secure tape vaulting, and offsite records storage and management.

Graphic Visual Solutions, formerly Graphic Printing Services, Inc., is expanding to offer new capabilities in wide-format graphics, signage and digital printing. The High Point based company will add a 5,000-square-foot digital production area, hire up to 10 additional employees and invest \$2 million in new technology that will include more than 10 new state-of-the-art pieces of digital and imaging equipment. The expansion will allow Graphic Visual Solutions to supplement its current capabilities of commercial printing, labels and packaging. The company, which won an award in 1994 for being the fastest-growing printing company in the United States, has expanded every three to four years since the company was founded in 1985.

Questcon Technologies announced that it will expand its test center operations in Greensboro. The company plans to add 25 positions at its Greensboro headquarters. A division of Howard Systems International, Questcon provides quality assurance and process improvement services to software developers and others by testing new programs for bugs and needed areas of improvement.

LIFE SCIENCES

Ameritox, Ltd., the nation's leader in pain prescription monitoring, announced that it will open a new laboratory and material analysis facility in Greensboro. The company plans to hire approximately 228 employees by 2010 and will upfit an existing building for their operations. Ameritox, Ltd., based in Baltimore, uses lab testing and other techniques to help doctors and patients monitor use of medications.

Targacept, Inc. (NASDAQ: TRGT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, has been awarded a grant from The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research for more than \$600,000. The grant is designed to fund preclinical research into potential improvements to treatments for Parkinson's disease. Targacept will investigate ways to modulate neuronal nicotinic receptors to address the abnormal involuntary movements known as dyskinesias that are associated with the existing Parkinson's drug Levodopa.

BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) will locate a new manufacturing facility in Mebane. The location will be dedicated to the manufacture of laboratory instrumentation used in diagnosing cancer and will employ 40 individuals when fully operational. This facility represents an approximate \$20 million investment and is expected to begin operations later in 2009. BD is a global medical technology company that develops, manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents. BD is headquartered in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey and has offices in approximately 50 countries worldwide. BD currently has a facility in Burlington that manufactures cervical cancer screening products. The location also houses management and operation functions. BD will maintain this facility, where it employs approximately 100 associates.

ConvaTec, a leading global medical device manufacturer will expand in Greensboro. The company will expand its ostomy wafer line and attract a new ostomy pouch operation to the local facility. ConvaTec plans to hire 30 machine operators and mechanics at an average wage of over \$44,000. The company will convert warehouse space to manufacturing and invest \$19.55 million in machinery, equipment and building upfit. ConvaTec, owned by Cidron Healthcare Limited, focuses on four key business divisions – ostomy care, wound therapeutics, continence and critical care and infusion devices.

TransTech Pharma has opened a new clinical research center to conduct the first phase of required testing for the compounds the company wants to bring to market. The Mendenhall Clinical Research Center has 12 full-time employees and will allow TransTech Pharma to conduct Phase 1 studies in a local facility rather than contracting them out. The company is studying dozens of other potential drug compounds, ranging from anti-inflammatory compounds to treatments for smallpox. The first Phase 1 trial Mendenhall CRC is running for TransTech is for an obesity management drug candidate. TransTech Pharma's lead drug compound is being developed in partnership with Pfizer as a potential treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. is expanding its advanced research and design operations. The High Point facility designs TriQuint's latest GSM/EDGE/WEDGE solutions, which support the company's handset business for mobile phone manufacturers. Growing demand from its customers has prompted the expansion. The company is moving into new office space, doubling its square footage and plans to add more than 25 new employees to its current workforce in the near future. Oregon based TriQuint supplies components for the military and for communications companies; markets include wireless handsets, base stations, and broadband communications products.

BD Diagnostics(Formerly Tripath Imaging) has received premarket approval from the FDA for its new BD FocalPoint Cancer Imaging System, which is designed to improve cervical cancer screening. BD Diagnostics is based in Burlington and is a unit of medical device manufacturer Becton, Dickinson & Co. BD Diagnostics' new system uses "guided screening" technology to help the cytology labs attempting to diagnose cervical cancer to improve results by reducing false negatives.

Ionics Medical Corp., a medical device developer based in Montgomery County has received FDA clearance to bring a new product, the "Dyn-ALIF intervertebral body spinal fusion device," to market. The device mimics the shock-absorbing function of a spinal disc in patients affected by injury, cancer or other problems requiring the removal of the natural disc.

AUTOMOTIVE

Cardinal Motorsports Inc., a new motorsports team based in Davidson County plans to run 10 to 15 races in the NASCAR nationwide series next year. Cardinal Motorsports Inc. is owned by several partners, including Will Spencer, owner of JKS Motorsports which moved to Davidson County in 2007. The new company plans to create 10-15 jobs.

ENERGY

SunEdison has purchased a 356.76 acre site in Davidson County to build a photovoltaic solar farm. In May 2008 Duke Energy announced signed agreements with SunEdison to purchase the entire output of the nation's largest photovoltaic solar farm. That agreement will run for 20 years. In one year of full production the solar farm will offset 32,328,660 pounds of CO2. This is the equivalent of taking 3,168 cars off the road for one year. Construction will begin immediately and the solar farm is to begin production no later than December 2010. SunEdison is a Beltsville, Maryland based solar energy provider operating across global markets.

ASCO Power Technologies plans to add 328 jobs over the next five years at its Welcome manufacturing operations. The company, which will invest \$11.4 million to expand the Davidson County facility, is a world-leading manufacturer of power switching and control products designed to ensure reliable back-up electrical power for critical operations. ASCO Power Technologies is a subsidiary of Emerson, a global manufacturing and technology company whose 2009 first quarter sales exceeded \$5 billion. ASCO's products include automatic transfer switches and power systems that protect hospitals, data centers and telecommunications networks. The company currently employs 190 people at its Welcome manufacturing plant.

Fibrowatt LLC, a Pennsylvania-based developer, builder and operator of electrical power plants fueled with biomass announced that it has selected a site near Biscoe to build a new power plant. The company generates electricity by burning chicken litter and is expected to bring 100 or more jobs and invest approximately \$13 million annually through fuel purchases and transportation, employee payroll, and facility maintenance costs. The company also expects that 300 jobs will be created during the two-year construction phase of the project. The plant will be designed to produce up to 55 megawatts of energy, enough energy to power more than 40,000 homes. This power will help North Carolina utilities meet their renewable energy requirements that take effect in 2012.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Randolph Community College opened its Richard Petty Education Center. The \$1,750,000 building houses the school's Automotive Systems Technology and Autobody Repair programs, more than doubling the space previously provided to the programs. The building was designed to provide a modern, comfortable, and safe learning atmosphere, while saving costs and energy. The 20,000-square-foot building was created by adding 15,000 square feet to an existing structure, formerly used by Asheboro Body Shop.

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) has been awarded a \$100,000 institutional grant from the Academy Foundation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). The grant will be used to support the university's film internship program in 2009-10. UNCSA film students have interned on major motion pictures such as *Leatherheads* and television series such as *The Closer*. The University of North Carolina School of the Arts is the first state-supported, residential school of its kind in the nation. More than 1,100 students from middle school through graduate school train for careers in the arts in five professional schools: Dance, Design and Production (including a Visual Arts Program), Drama, Filmmaking, and Music.