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Alamance Chamber Announces that BD will Establish Operations in Mebane, NC

(Mebane, NC), June 9, 2009: The Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce announces today that BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) has purchased the building at 1022 Corporate Park Drive and an adjacent seven acres in the North Carolina Industrial Park located in Mebane, NC for a new manufacturing facility. When fully operational, the Mebane facility will employ 40 individuals, of which 20 will be new jobs for Alamance County. The location will be dedicated to the manufacture of laboratory instrumentation used in diagnosing cancer. This facility represents an approximate \$20 million investment in the 100,852-square-foot plant, land, equipment and technology, and is expected to begin operations later in 2009.

“BD has had operations in Alamance County since 2006, when the Company acquired TriPath Imaging,” said Wayne Brinster, VP/GM of Women’s Health and Cancer. “We are pleased to be expanding our footprint here in Mebane, as our experience in the County has been very positive.”

Currently, BD has a facility at 780 Plantation Drive in Burlington, NC, which serves as the largest manufacturing facility for the BD Diagnostics - TriPath’ platform’s cervical cancer screening products. The location also houses management and operation functions. BD will maintain this facility, where it employs approximately 100 associates.

“I want to thank BD for strengthening their commitment to Alamance County by remaining, growing, and being a leader in our corporate community,” stated Linda Massey, Chair, Alamance County Commissioners. “The county has a strong base of medical related companies and we are pleased they are continuing to enhance that foundation.”

The staff of the Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce provided assistance to BD during their expansion plans. “This is a prime example of the value added services that the economic development efforts of the Alamance Chamber bring to the community. BD represents a successful, international company investing in the local economy and providing quality jobs for our citizens,” says Dr. David Johnson, Chairman of the Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce.

“Mebane has enjoyed success in the past years and is happy to welcome BD as the newest member of our corporate community,” shares City of Mebane mayor, Glendel Stephenson. BD will be the sixth corporate tenant in the North Carolina Industrial Park, a development by Samet Corporation, joining Kidde, Sports Endeavors, Nypro, Badcock Furniture, and Ford Motor Company.

BD is a global medical technology company that develops, manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents. BD is focused on improving drug delivery, enhancing the quality and speed of diagnosing infectious diseases and cancers, and advancing research, discovery and production of new drugs and vaccines. BD is headquartered in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey and has offices in approximately 50 countries worldwide.

The Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce works hard to enhance the welfare of Alamance County business as well as promote and stimulate economic vitality for our members and the community. Located in an ever expanding corridor of commerce, our economic development efforts focus on the recruitment of new companies as well as providing assistance to local existing industries.

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