



Granite Tactical Vehicles, Inc. Announces Expansion in Surry County

Mt. Airy, NC – Granite Tactical has announced their expansion into the 181,000-square-foot manufacturing facilities in Surry County formerly known as KDH #2 and #3 plants located on Newsome Street. They plan to employ 200 people and create \$2.5 million investment in the first three years of operation.

Chris Berman, President for the company, shared his excitement over the military interest in all of their R & D completed in their Pilot Mountain location, especially their crew capsule to provide the highest level of protection available for the HMMWV (Humvee). “We are very excited about the opportunity to manufacture in a larger production capacity as well as to continue to R&D new products for the military.” said Berman. “The local government has provided tremendous support and assistance as well as the Surry Partnership. “

Granite Tactical Vehicles Inc. designs, develops, manufactures and delivers armored vehicles for a broad spectrum of clients including private security contractors, law enforcement and various Government agencies. Our vehicles have been field tested with great success on missions including convoy protection, personnel movement and relocation, rescue operations and cargo delivery. Ultimately and most importantly, our vehicles have contributed to saving the lives of many men who operate in hostile and austere environments. Granite Tactical Vehicles is committed to providing best-in-class armored vehicles and protecting the lives of those who face the day-to-day challenges of rapidly increasing threat levels.

“We are very pleased to be partnering with Granite Tactical in providing diversified jobs for our citizens and to be able to place them in the old KDH buildings of which I have a lot of fond memories in working there and is a much added bonus for all of our citizens,” commented by County Commissioner Paul Johnson.

Mount Airy Mayor Deborah Cochran said, “We enthusiastically welcome the expansion company of Granite Tactical Vehicles, Inc. and the over 200 much needed jobs they will bring to Mount Airy. They will occupy one of our existing buildings and will make a significant investment in the buildings and equipment. We pledge our continued support to this company and welcome them as they join our existing successful industries in Mount Airy and Surry County.”

The Surry County Economic Development Partnership worked with many partners on this project including the City of Mount Airy, Surry County, the North Carolina Department of Commerce. For more information, contact Todd Tucker at 336.401.9900 or toddtucker@surry.net.