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Project Announcement

Colortex USA, LLC, Locates Headquarters and Operations in Gastonia

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission Announces Colortex USA, LLC

Gastonia—Colortex USA, LLC has leased 30,000 square feet in Gastonia for their North American Headquarters and finishing operations. The firm will provide finishing for knitted fabrics used in mattresses. This is a growing trend in the mattress industry in the United States that originated in Europe. Colortex Bvba is the parent company based in Sint-Niklaas, Belgium, which is north of Brussels.

Gastonia Mayor Jennie Stultz said, "It is an honor for me to welcome Colortex USA, LLC to Gastonia. We are fortunate to have a number of international headquarters within our city. Colortex's decision to locate in Gastonia is a great boost for our ongoing efforts to provide the best business location for companies."



The new plant is located at 1711 Sparta Court in Gastonia in a building formerly occupied by Hunter-Douglas. Colortex USA, LLC plans to invest approximately \$2 million in machinery and equipment in the 30,000 square foot building. It is anticipated that the company will employ 30 persons within the first year of operation.

"This is wonderful news for Gastonia and Gaston County. The specialized niche market for this type of textile finishing will enable some of our friends and neighbors to get good jobs with a world class company," said Thomas Keigher, Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

"Our experience with the City of Gastonia and the Gaston County EDC has been a very positive one for Colortex," said Wim De Baudringhien, plant manager for Colortex USA, LLC. "The City Manager and staff have shown us a level of appreciation that I have not seen in a government agency. I also want to express my gratitude to Jake Robinson, owner of the building for his efforts in making this transaction a reality. Additional thanks go to Darlene Ritter of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission for her countless hours on this project."

Prospective job seekers may apply for positions at the company's location at 1711 Sparta Court in Gastonia.

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