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Project Announcement

Curtiss Wright Controls Will Expand in Gastonia

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission Announces the Expansion of Curtiss-Wright Controls.

GASTONIA, N.C. – March 22, 2005 Curtiss-Wright Controls Inc., announced today it would be expanding its engineering capabilities in Gastonia. In 2004, Curtiss-Wright moved 15 engineering positions and the company's \$4 million testing and development facility to Gastonia from New Jersey. To better serve the U.S. defense market, the company also transferred technology from its Switzerland operation to Gastonia creating US Drive Technologies. These additions have almost filled the Gastonia facility to capacity.

Curtiss-Wright Controls anticipates adding senior engineering positions to its Gastonia operations during 2005 and plans to invest another \$1 million in capital equipment. The company is also in the process of making capital improvements at the facility to enable its technical team to successfully develop and test its flight critical hardware to comply with the severe demanding conditions.

The Gastonia facility will also continue to maintain, overhaul and repair military aerospace products, subsystems and components.

"Our Gastonia facility will be the center of technical excellence for our flight systems group," said George J. Yohrling, President of Curtiss-Wright Controls. "We've been very pleased with the quality of the workforce we've been able to hire in Gastonia, and are pleased to bring even more high tech jobs to the region." Yohrling added "This move by Curtiss Wright should provide Gaston County with a model to attract other high technology focused operations to this area."

Gastonia Mayor Jennifer Stultz stated, "With this expansion, Curtiss-Wright Controls set a new standard for high technology jobs in Gastonia. The City of Gastonia will continue to work with Curtiss-Wright Controls to assist them with future growth. We welcome the additional investment in technology and engineering staff. This is great news for our Highland School of Technology. It gives the students a fantastic example of the types of high technology job opportunities they will have in Gastonia after they complete college."

"Curtiss-Wright Controls' decision to bring their senior engineering functions to Gastonia is a wonderful statement about our County. This center of technical excellence for the flight systems group will definitely enhance our ability to attract and retain firms providing high technology jobs in Gaston County. It also provides a reason for our talented graduates to come back after they obtain their degrees," according to Thomas Keigher, Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

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