



Lukjan Metal Products Opens Manufacturing Operations in Kings Mountain

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce:

Lukjan Metal Products, a Conneaut, Ohio based company has purchased the former Hayward Industries Building in Kings Mountain. Manufacturing operations will be housed at this facility which was purchased for approximately \$2.25 million. The company will produce prefabricated metal products for the HVAC industry from galvanized coil.

The plant, a 239,670 square foot facility, is located at 111 Kings Road in the Kings Mountain Industrial Park. Lukjan Metal Products intends to invest approximately \$1 million in machinery and equipment. It is anticipated that the company will employ 40 persons within the first year of operation. When fully staffed the estimated employment is expected to be around 150 persons.

"I want to welcome Mr. Dan Lukjanczuk and Lukjan Metal Products to Gaston County. It is exciting to have this firm become the newest member of our corporate community. Mr. Lukjanczuk's decision to expand his manufacturing operations into Gaston County is a positive indicator of the strength of our business environment," said Tom Keigher, Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

"This is great news for Kings Mountain. It is always good to have new manufacturers come into the area providing job opportunities for our friends and neighbors," said Rick Murphrey, Mayor of Kings Mountain.

"This was an excellent opportunity for Lukjan and Gaston County. Their specific needs for Gaston included a quality workforce and a facility with expansion potential for growth. The former Hayward facility and the Kings Mountain location proved a good fit. In 2001, Hayward laid off 158 people. The potential to replace those jobs is of great value to Gaston," said Marc Bolick, Gaston County Economic Development Commission's Project Administrator. Lukjan's Ohio-based operation started in 1964, employs 200 people and serves twelve states.

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission worked with several individuals on this project. For the real estate transaction, Bryan Crutcher of CB Richard Ellis represented the building owner and Doug Wynne of Meca Properties represented Lukjan Metal Products. The company will utilize the industrial training program of Gaston College and the services of the NCESC.



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