



## **Jo-Mar Spinning to Establish Production Facility in Belmont — Former Helms Plant to House Operations**

### **The Gaston County Economic Development Commission is Pleased to Announce:**

Belmont, N.C., June 1, 2010 — Jo-Mar Spinning will establish production operations within the former Helms Plant located at 101 Plum Street in Belmont. Jo-Mar Spinning will operate a yarn spinning and twisting manufacturing plant. Over \$1 million of new investment will occur at this facility which will house both the production and corporate offices of Jo-Mar Spinning.

The company plans to hire approximately 100 persons during the first year. All new hires will be recruited through Phillips Staffing Company. The telephone number for Holly Young at the staffing company is 864-487-1000; email is [hyoung@phillipsstaffing.com](mailto:hyoung@phillipsstaffing.com). Initial recruitment is to begin with a job fair on June 2 from 9AM through 2PM. Persons interested in applying should come to the plant, located at 101 Plum Street in Belmont, and complete an application.

Joe Ludlum, Location Manager of Jo-Mar Spinning, said; "Jo-Mar Spinning is excited to come to Belmont and Gaston County. This represents a new and great beginning for our company. We looked at a number of locations and decided to establish our operations in Belmont because of the assistance received from a variety of folks. I would like to especially thank Donny Hicks and Darlene Ritter of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission for their work in putting together the resources needed for this project. Through them we were able to establish wonderful working relationships with Gaston College, DEHNR, NC Employment Security Commission, Gaston County Workforce Development Board, Duke Energy, City of Belmont and many other individuals who have provided valuable assistance. Jo-Mar Spinning is looking forward to continuing these relationships in the coming years."

"This is wonderful news for Gaston County and Belmont. I want to thank Jo-Mar Spinning for their decision to establish their operations in one of the most dynamic business environments within the region." stated Mickey Price, Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners. "The presence of Jo-Mar Spinning provides much needed jobs for our citizens and help to strengthen our county as a prime location for manufacturers. This announcement will aid us in our efforts to attract new businesses to our County." he added.

Richard Boyce, Mayor of Belmont said, "On behalf of the City of Belmont, I want to welcome Jo-Mar Spinning to our city. The location of their headquarters and manufacturing plant in Belmont will provide quality jobs and breathe new life into a former manufacturing plant. It is very gratifying to know that our friends and neighbors will have the opportunity to work closer to home."

Duane McCallister, Chairman of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission remarked, "On behalf of my fellow board members I would like to thank Jo-Mar Spinning for their decision to begin their operations in Gaston County and in particular Belmont. This firm will provide a significant boost to the local economy of our community with the creation of 100 new jobs. Providing jobs during these difficult economic times is the greatest benefit for our citizens. I would also like to express my appreciation to Donny Hicks, Executive Director and Darlene Ritter, Existing Industry Specialist of the EDC staff for their efforts in making this project a reality."

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