



REPI S.p.A to Construct Facility at the GTP

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission is Pleased to Announce:

Gastonia, N.C., March 17, 2011 — The Gaston County Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce that REPI S.p.A. will construct a multi-functional facility to serve its customers in the Americas in the Gastonia Technology Park. The facility will house the divisional corporate office, manufacturing, research & development, customer service and distribution for REPI. Customers in North, South and Central America will be able to have their product needs met with this new plant. The initial investment will be \$5.5 million and at full operations the company will employ up to 30 persons. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of March with the completion of the facility to occur by fourth quarter 2011.



"It is a distinct pleasure today to realize the vision of expanding a family owned private business from Italy into North Carolina and particularly into the Technology Park that the leaders here in Gastonia prepared with their vision and investment in the anticipation companies would come" stated Dr. Ferruccio Angiolini, President of REPI S.p.A. "Since opening a satellite laboratory, sales and administrative office in Charlotte in 2003 our market position has grown and the advanced research and technical services we implement has built a strong level of customer loyalty. The expansive market we serve for liquid colorants and additives for polyurethane used in the automotive, footwear, coating and furniture markets as well as a strong position to expand into thermoplastics for soft drink bottles and cosmetics in the near future make location here a strategic option. Our company, focused on corporate social responsibility, operates a chemical environment that has been acclaimed for excellence in automation, clean technology, waste minimization and exceeding regulatory expectations." He further stated.

The REPI S.p.A. team takes leadership in creating solutions for clients seriously and offers challenges to associates who are selected to join the corporate extended family. Joining REPI S.p.A. is just the first step in personal growth as each member is encouraged to achieve at their highest level of competence.

The parent company REPI S.p.A. was founded in 1973 and will support REPI LLC as it grows. The initial 30,000 square foot state of the art energy efficient facility is projected to double within 3 years. This US operation will serve the entire Western Hemisphere and be actively represented in trade and industry shows throughout the region. Technical training, employment services and particularly, access to the NC Polymer Center of Excellence, put Gastonia at the top of the list of sites considered. Anticipated support from local economic development sources and the community at large could bring this site into operation by the end of 2011. REPI S.p.A. is deeply grateful for the hand that has been extended by the leaders of this community and looks forward to joining you as an active corporate citizen.

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Gaston County Commission Chair Donnie Loftis said, "What a wonderful month March 2011 has been for Gaston County. REPI S.p.A. has chosen the Gastonia Technology Park for their Americas divisional facility. I along with the rest of the Commissioners, are extremely fortunate to have a fine global leader in REPI come to the Gastonia Technology Park." He further stated, "The recruitment of quality international firms was one of the reasons for the creation of the GTP. We knew that if we were to compete for quality projects, Gaston County had to provide a truly world class setting. We are so excited to welcome REPI to our community." He added, "The Gaston County Board of Commissioners will continue to work to build on this lifelong partnership with REPI S.p.A. We have a great workforce and a great business park. We are a very pro business county. We welcome this great addition and others that are looking for a great place to locate."

This is the culmination of many hours work and cooperation on all levels. It is always a great day when we celebrate the addition of an international company to Gastonia! I am especially glad that the Gastonia Technology Park was chosen for this facility" said Gastonia Mayor Jennifer Stultz. "My fellow City Council members Dale Burkett and Brenda Craig met with Dr. Ferruccio Angiolini and his son Filippo last fall built a respectable coalition. The City of Gastonia consistently works with the County to provide a high quality technology park to attract companies. This month has been a stellar example of seeing substantial results. I want to officially welcome REPI S.p.A. and the Angiolini family to our All-America City of Gastonia."

"On behalf of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission I want to extend our sincere appreciation to the Angiolini family for locating their newest facility in Gaston County," said Duane McCallister, Chairman of the EDC. "I also want to thank the EDC for their efforts in working with the consultant, Mrs. Elizabeth Belenchia of Carroll Properties, on this important project." he added. "The Gaston County Commissioners and the previous board members and staff of the Economic Development Commission are to be commended for their foresight and diligence in developing the Gastonia Technology Park. The selection of the GTP by REPI S.p.A. will aid in our efforts to recruit other firms and for that we are grateful," said McCallister.

Hiring for REPI's Gastonia plant will be handled through the North Carolina Employment Security Commission's (NCESC) Gastonia office. The company is not ready to begin taking applications at this time. Open positions will be posted as they become available. Please check with the NCESC office in Gastonia or through either Job Link Center for the most up-to-date listings.

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