



## Headquarters of Wilbert Plastic Services Coming to Belmont

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

The headquarters location of Wilbert Plastic Services is coming to the Oaks Commerce Center in Belmont. This \$5.7 million investment is projected to create 41 new jobs for Gaston County. The new headquarters will be nearer southern manufacturing operations and closer to its expanding customer base in the southeastern United States. The Belmont corporate offices will house executive management, finance and accounting, sales and marketing management, human resources and a part of the company's engineering staff.

Wilbert Plastic Services is a leader in the thermoforming and injection molding segments of the plastics industry for a wide range of market segments, including consumer products, automotive, agriculture, recreation, electronics, commercial equipment, healthcare, waste management, construction and funeral services. From manufacturing locations in Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, South Carolina, Ohio and North Carolina, the company supplies a world class customer base of some of the most recognized consumer and industrial brands in the world. Wilbert Plastic Services is TS 16949 registered and supports its customers with product design and engineering capabilities, lean manufacturing initiatives, Six-Sigma quality management and dedicated program management.

As a component of the marketing program providing service to existing industry, the Gaston County EDC has conducted courtesy visits to the corporate office in Chicago, IL. Recent meetings between Wilbert Plastic Services and community leaders have been productive. During the last several years community leaders presented a strong case for increasing operations in Gaston County.

"This is a great day for Gaston County and the City of Belmont," stated Mickey Price, Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners. He added, "I would like to welcome the CEO Greg Botner and his team to Gaston County. It is very gratifying to know that our existing industries are growing but this announcement goes far beyond our expectations. I and the rest of the County Commissioners will make certain that we continue to provide you with the support you need."

"This is great news for the City of Belmont, and for Gaston County as a whole," said Belmont Mayor Richard Boyce. "At a time of widespread economic uncertainty, it is especially gratifying to have this positive announcement to share. While Wilbert Plastic Services is already a key contributor to the life and health of our community, its decision to locate its corporate headquarters here is further evidence of its commitment to and confidence in the quality of life this town and this county have to offer. We look forward to many years of working together in the future."

"Wilbert Plastic Services has been a part of the Belmont community for many years and the growth of our customer base across the southern United States made North Carolina a logical choice to relocate our headquarters," said Greg M. Botner, president and CEO of Wilbert Plastic Services. "State and local officials put together a comprehensive package that will help us recruit, train and retain qualified employees. We think the favorable cost of living and high quality of life in the region are major advantages to having our headquarters in Belmont."

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Rusty Harris, Chairman of the Gaston Regional Chamber's Economic Development Division had these comments; "We are excited about Wilbert Plastic Services moving their corporate offices to Belmont. Over the last few years, the EDD has provided the private funding for the community leaders of Gaston County to meet with various officers of companies with today's announcement providing the proof that our efforts are paying off. The Oaks Commerce Center is the perfect location for a headquarters and we should know because a recent Office Study indicated that this would be the area most likely to experience an office location."

"The Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Division has made these marketing missions possible," according to Jim Jones, Chairman of the Gaston County EDC. "We had anticipated that if you talk with companies long enough about the attributes of our community they will come to appreciate and understand how a location in Gaston County can add value to their operations. I think that the hard work of both the company officials and EDC staff have paid off. We feel extremely honored that Belmont is going to be their new headquarters," he added.

There were many individuals and agencies involved with this process. The Gaston County Economic Development Commission would like to extend its appreciation to the representatives of the City of Belmont, Gaston College, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Duke Energy, and the North Carolina Department of Commerce for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

Wilbert Plastic Services will utilize the services of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in hiring. Gaston College will provide the training for the potential employees.

For more information on Wilbert Plastic Services, including job opportunities with the company, go to:  
[www.wilbertplasticservices.com](http://www.wilbertplasticservices.com).

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