



# GASTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



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Project Announcement

## CTL Packaging to Construct Manufacturing Facility in the Gastonia Technology Park

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce that CTL Packaging USA will construct a state-of-the-art consumer products manufacturing facility in the Gastonia Technology Park. The facility will house the divisional corporate office, manufacturing, research & development, customer service and distribution for CTL Packaging USA. Customers in the food, pharmaceutical, cosmetic and personal care industries will be able to have their product needs met with this new plant. The investment will be \$58.5 million and at full operations the company will employ 131 persons. Construction is scheduled to begin first quarter of 2012.

The parent company, CTL Packaging Group, was founded in the 1960's by Mr. Juan Celaya Letamendi. This is a Spanish group of firms with Basque origins. The 226,000 square foot state of the art facility will house production, research & development, distribution and corporate offices of the firm. "Technical training, employment services, the NC Department of Commerce's site certification of the Gastonia Technology Park and access to the NC Polymer Center of Excellence, put Gastonia at the top of the list of sites considered. We are deeply grateful for the support that has been extended by the leaders of Gaston County and the City of Gastonia and look forward to joining you as an active corporate citizen." said Mr. Manuel Diez, Managing Director for CTL Packaging USA.

Gaston County Commission Chair Donnie Loftis said, "We are so excited to welcome CTL Packaging Group to our community! I am very pleased that CTL Packaging USA chose the Gastonia Technology Park for their North American advanced manufacturing plant and corporate offices. CTL Packaging Group is a fine global leader and we are very fortunate to have them." He further stated, "We are a very pro business county. We welcome this great addition and other companies that are looking for a great place to locate. 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." He added, "The Gaston County Board of Commissioners will work with CTL Packaging USA to build on this lifelong partnership. Gaston County has a great workforce and a great business park. 2011 has been a very good year for Gaston County and we hope to continue this trend. "

"We are very thankful that the CTL Packaging Group chose Gastonia for their newest plant. It is so very gratifying to witness the culmination of many hours of hard work and cooperation on all levels which has produced this industry announcement. It is a very good day when we can welcome an international company to Gastonia! I am especially proud that the Gastonia Technology Park, an ElectriCities' Prime Power Park, was chosen for this facility" said Gastonia Mayor Jennifer Stultz. She added, "The City of Gastonia always works with the County to provide a quality business environment to aid in our collective efforts to attract companies. Speaking for the citizens of Gastonia, I want to thank you so very much for selecting our community for this wonderful facility. "

"On behalf of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to CTL Packaging Group for choosing to locate their advanced manufacturing facility in Gaston County," said Duane McCallister, Chairman of the EDC. "I also want to thank the EDC staff, especially our Director - Mr. Donny Hicks, for all of their efforts in working with the company on this important project." he added. "Without the foresight and determination of the Gaston County Commissioners and the previous EDC board members and staff in developing the Gastonia Technology Park, this welcoming of CTL Packaging USA would not occur. CTL Packaging USA will join LANXESS, REPI and Röchling Engineering Plastics as the newest corporate member of the Gastonia Technology Park," said McCallister.

Special thanks and appreciation go to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the Charlotte Regional Partnership, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Gaston County Workforce Development Board, Gaston Regional Chamber's Economic Development Division and Gaston College for their support in helping the Gaston County Economic Development Commission with this outstanding international project.

Hiring for CTL Packaging USA's 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 updated listings.

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