

HEYCO-Work USA Inc. to Invest \$12 Million for New Production Facility in Gaston County



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Raleigh, N.C. – **HEYCO-Work USA Inc.**, a plastics molder for the automotive industry, will create **34 new jobs** in Gaston County, Governor Cooper announced today. The company will invest more than **\$12.75 million** to build a new manufacturing facility in the Apple Creek Corporate Center of Gaston County.

A subsidiary of German-based automotive part manufacturer, HEYCO Group, HEYCO-Work USA Inc. was established in 2014 and has a manufacturing plant in Virginia since 2019. The company manufactures plastic molding and windshield trimming for BMW and Volkswagen SUVs and other industrial applications. The new site will include a **60,000-square-foot production facility for high-end injection molding and showroom.**

“We are thrilled to expand our manufacturing foot to the greater Charlotte, North Carolina area and join the close network of German based manufactures in the region. The new plant will play an important strategic role within the HEYCO Group and to our customers,” said Daniel Dittmar, Chief Executive Officer of HEYO-WORK USA. “With this latest investment we set an important milestone for the future of HEYCO-Work USA, ensuring both, strategic growth as Tier 1 automotive supplier, and the long-term success of our company and our employees. The new 10-acre site will include a 65,000-square-foot state of the art production facility & show room for high-end injection molding. The site at Apple Creek Corporate Center in Gaston County offers sufficient room for future expansion. HEYCO benefits from the central location that provides access to major hubs to our specialized supply chains and strong customer base. We are excited to invest in new technologies and to create high-quality manufacturing jobs in Gaston County.”

“Everything about this investment speaks volumes to the success story that is Gaston County,” Gaston County Board of Commissioners Chairman Chad Brown said. “This project will bring good paying jobs and a multi-million dollar investment in our county as we continue to make Gaston County the premier place to work, play and stay. The vision of our board to purchase land and build the Apple Creek Corporate Center is again paying significant dividends for our residents.”

“We are delighted to welcome HEYCO to our region,” said N.C. Representative John Torbett. “Here they will find the support of a diverse and talented and the robust transportation infrastructure to help them quickly get their products vehicles around the world.”



Salaries will vary by position with an **average annual wage of \$63,382**, which exceeds the Gaston County average of \$46,351. These new jobs could potentially create an annual payroll impact of more than \$2.1 million for the region.

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