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Gaston County, N.C. – **J&L Machine and Fabrication**, a fabrication and machining provider, will create **33 new jobs in Gaston County**, Governor Cooper announced today. The company will **invest more than \$2.1 million** to expand its production capacity in the Town of Stanley.

“North Carolina’s economic success has benefitted from the strength of our small, independently owned businesses and manufacturing legacy,” said Governor Cooper. “With a shared passion for training and developing a skilled workforce and providing quality career paths, we are confident that J&L Machine and Fabrication will continue to thrive in Gaston County for years to come.”

Locally-owned and headquartered in Stanley, North Carolina, J&L Machine and Fabrication is the leading provider of high-precision steel parts for heavy industrial equipment and machines. The Company engineers and fabricates sheet metal hardware with a full range of services including cutting, forming, bending, welding, painting and complete assembly. This expansion will increase production capacity.



“This expansion aligns with our strategy as a solutions center, allowing us to improve the service level to our global OEM customers with new added capabilities and capacity, and enabling us to create new jobs supporting the Stanley community and the State of North Carolina,” said Danny Tawil, J&L’s Chief Operating Officer.

While wages will vary by position, the **average annual wage is estimated to be \$50,808**, exceeding the Gaston County average of \$50,746. The new jobs could potentially create an annual payroll impact of more than \$1.6 million for the region.

“The Town of Stanley is excited to support J&L’s expansion. This will bring additional investment and jobs to the community. The Town has developed a great relationship with J&L, and we look forward to building on that relationship for years to come.” said Town of Stanley Mayor, Steven Denton.”

“North Carolina companies know the benefits of operating in our state better than anyone,” said N.C. Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. “As we continue growing our automotive and electric vehicle sectors, companies like J&L Machine and Fabrication can help increase our supply chain by making high-quality parts right here in North Carolina.”

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A performance-based grant of \$70,000 from the One North Carolina Fund will help J&L expand in North Carolina. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance to local governments to help attract economic investment and create jobs. Companies receive no money upfront and must meet job creation and capital investment targets to qualify for payment. All One NC grants require matching participation from local governments and any award is contingent upon that require matching participation from local governments and any award is contingent upon that condition being met.

“J&L has been a great contributor to our local economy and an outstanding community partner,” said N.C. Representative John A. Torbett. “We look forward to watching their trajectory skyrocket as they enter this next phase of growth.”

“I’m very proud to see the growth of J&L right here in my hometown of Stanley,” Gaston County Board of Commissioners Chairman Chad Brown said. “There is no greater testament to the opportunity that Gaston County provides than to see longtime businesses add quality jobs and grow their investment here for the future. It is right in line with my belief that Gaston County is the best place in North Carolina to work, play and stay.”

In addition to the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, Gaston County Economic Development Commission would like to thank other key partners in the project including: the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Community College System, Gaston College, Gaston County Board of Commissioners, and the Town of Stanley.

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