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Tax Credits Approved; Expected to Create and Retain 3,973 Jobs

Projects Will Generate Investments in Ohio's Economy

Columbus – Ohio Department of Development Director Mark Kvamme today announced that the Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved Job Creation and Retention Tax Credits for 16 projects that, if expanded or located in Ohio, are expected to create 1,334 jobs and retain 2,639 positions.

“Business creation and expansion drive economic development,” Kvamme said. “These incentives will strengthen our workforce while enabling businesses to create good paying-jobs that will help Ohioans in the long-term.”

Alsher Titania LLC has been awarded a 55 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's new location in the City of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$820,118 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Alsher Titania manufactures and develops nano materials with a primary focus on the production of nano titania-based materials. This project includes the leasing of an 18,560-square-foot facility the company will move its 100-ton finishing plant into before restarting production. The \$44.5 million project is expected to create 201 jobs.

BASN Enterprises, LTD. has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's new facility in the City of Findlay (Hancock County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$647,760 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. BASN is an Ohio-based manufacturer producing advanced Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) batteries that provide energy storage in solar arrays, remote/portable power solutions, and backup power information systems. This project includes manufacturing with a research and development emphasis on enhancing battery life and reducing weight for product storage capacity. The \$148.6 million project is expected to create 446 jobs.

Catalina Tempering-Ohio, Inc. has been awarded a 40 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's new location in the City of Utica (Licking County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$75,032 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Catalina Tempering fabricates and distributes tempered energy efficient glass for window and door manufacturers. This project includes the purchase of machinery and equipment, building acquisition, and renovation. The more than \$3.8 million project is expected to create 50 jobs.

Delta Media Group, Inc. has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a five-year term as a result of the company's expansion in Jackson Township (Stark County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$124,813 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for eight years. Delta is a technology company providing website services, intranet services, customer relationship management systems, lead management, and distribution systems to the real estate industry. This project includes operational software and leaseholder improvements. The \$233,000 project is expected to create 79 jobs and retain 36 positions.

Diamond Innovations, Inc. has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-

year term as a result of the company's new location in the City of Worthington (Franklin County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at more than \$672,812 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Diamond Innovations is the inventor and one of the world's leading suppliers of manufactured diamond, cubic boron nitride, and polycrystalline products serving the aerospace, automotive, construction, mining, electronics, oil and gas, and stone and woodworking markets. This more than \$14.8 million project includes the purchase of machinery and equipment and is expected to create 40 jobs and retain 405 positions.

Energizer Personal Care, LLC has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the City of Sidney (Shelby County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$24,185 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Energizer Personal Care is a division of Playtex and manufactures all "Wet Ones" in canisters, travel packs, refill packs, and single versions, as well as the fabric and tub line that produces its baby wipe brands. This \$4.7 million project includes the purchase of machinery and equipment and is expected to create 44 jobs and retain 147 positions.

Fine Line Graphics Corp. has been awarded a 40 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a five-year term as a result of the company relocating to the City of Columbus (Franklin County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at more than \$68,736 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for eight years. Fine Line Graphics is an automated printing, mailing, and fulfillment company, specializing in custom manufactured paper of varied weights and sizes. This project includes the purchase of machinery and equipment, building acquisition, and renovation improvements. The \$4.9 million project is expected to create 25 jobs and retain 57 positions.

Hughey & Phillips, LLC has been awarded a 35 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's expansion in at a site to be determined (Champaign County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$49,606 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Hughey & Phillips provides cost-effective obstruction lighting and control solutions with low, medium, and high intensity used to illuminate radio and television transmission towers, communications and microwave antennas, wind turbines, grain elevators, buildings, smokestacks, bridges, and other potential obstructions to aerial navigation. This project includes the purchase of machinery and equipment and leaseholder improvements. The \$600,000 project is expected to create 30 jobs and retain 21 positions.

KDM Signs, Inc. has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the Village of Evendale (Hamilton County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$107,343 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. KDM Signs specializes in marketing and branding campaigns, providing end-to-end point-of-purchase solutions, including the design and manufacturing of the POP display and secondary finishing operations, including kitting and fulfillment requirements. This project includes the renovation of the company's 175,000-square-foot facility, allowing the company to digitize its printing operations. The \$4.5 million project is expected to create 30 jobs and retain 259 positions.

Kelsey-Hayes Company has been awarded a 35 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the Village of Fayette (Fulton County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$130,367 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Kelsey-Hayes manufactures and markets automotive brake parts, catering to passenger cars and light trucks. This project includes the dismantling and rearranging of seven existing production cells within the plant to make space for the high-volume production line for the new business. The more than \$ \$3.96 million project is expected to create 24 jobs and retain 149 positions.

Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC has been awarded three 60 percent Job Creation Tax Credits for six-year terms as a result of the company's expansions in the City of Columbus and the City of Gahanna (Franklin County); Union Township (Licking County); and the

City of Strongsville and the City of Richmond Heights (Cuyahoga County). The value of the three tax credits is estimated at \$3.9 million over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at each project site for nine years. Momentive Performance is a producer of binder, adhesive, coating, and ink resins for industrial applications. The projects include building renovations, infrastructure improvements, and the purchase of machinery and equipment. The more than \$11.2 million combined projects are expected to create 120 jobs and retain 780 positions.

Owens-Brockway Glass Container Inc. has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's new project in the City of Zanesville (Muskingum County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$213,500 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Owens-Brockway produces glass containers for beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks in a range of sizes, shapes, and colors. This project includes establishing a pilot site to develop a new coatings procedure for its products, expanding its applied research in glass for both product and process innovation. The \$9 million project is expected to create 16 jobs and retain 332 positions.

Park Place Technologies has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's expansion in Bainbridge Township and Auburn Township (Geauga County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$251,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Park Place Technologies provides leading data center hardware maintenance to customers throughout North America. This project includes the expansion of its current 16,000-square-foot facility to a total square footage of 24,000. The more than \$775,000 project is expected to create 57 jobs and retain 82 positions.

PPS Holdings, LLC has been awarded a 40 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's relocation and expansion in Sycamore Township (Hamilton County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$79,000 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. PPS Holdings provides full-service consulting, contract-to-hire, and full-time direct hire career opportunities for industry professionals and staffing solutions for companies. This project includes the acquisition of a 9,000-square-foot office space to house its headquarters. The \$2 million project is expected to create 24 jobs and retain 31 positions.

Röchling Automotive U.S., LLP has been awarded a 50 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a seven-year term as a result of the company's proposed project in the City of Stow (Summit County), the City of Hudson (Summit County), or the City of Akron (Summit County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$518,428 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for 10 years. Röchling Automotive is part of the Röchling Group, headquartered in Mannheim, Germany, and stands for competence, quality, and innovation in engineering plastics processing. With 55 locations worldwide, it generates sales of more than USD 1.3 billion. Including the new plant, Röchling will operate seven manufacturing locations in the US. Röchling Automotive is among the world's leading suppliers of air flow management and acoustics solutions, focusing in particular on achieving reductions in fuel consumption, emissions, and weight. This project includes constructing a new 80,000-square-foot facility and the purchase of new machinery and equipment. The \$28 million project is expected to create 123 jobs.

The Will-Burt Company has been awarded a 45 percent Job Creation Tax Credit for a six-year term as a result of the company's expansion in the City of Orrville (Wayne County). The value of the tax credit is estimated at \$271,749 over the term, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years. Will-Burt manufactures telescoping masts and light towers for military, emergency services, cellular, and television broadcast vehicles, as well as fabricates sheet metal parts under contract to customers for the production of large construction, mining and farm vehicles, and the production of heavy duty security cabinets. This project includes the leasing of an existing 35,000-square-foot building adjacent to its current facility. The \$519,000 project is expected to create 25 jobs and retain 340 positions.

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority is a five-member independent board consisting of taxation and economic development professionals from throughout the state that is responsible for reviewing and approving applications for state tax credit

assistance. The Authority also has oversight responsibilities that include monitoring and reporting the progress of approved tax credit projects. The **Ohio Tax Credit Authority's** approval of incentives indicates the state's commitment to the company, and precedes a final decision of the company to accept or decline the tax incentives approved.

Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.

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