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New Industry Brings New Life to Helser Building and Sharpsburg

Nash County Chairman Claude Mayo announced today that Mack Industries of Valley City, Ohio has purchased the 117,000 square foot Helser Building in Sharpsburg. The building has been vacant for 2 ½ years since Helser Industries closed their operation. The project will create 50 jobs and invest \$5 million over three years. The company will look to hire civil engineers and several high skilled manufacturing positions. The building is now being renovated.

“This project is particularly exciting for southern Nash County to fill a building that has been vacant for quite a while. The Carolinas Gateway Partnership’s goal is to provide economic assistance and success to every corner of Nash and Edgecombe Counties. This is one fine example,” stated Carolinas Gateway Partnership Chairman Frank Harrison.

Mack Industries manufactures precast concrete construction material, such as culverts, pipes, and other infrastructure products. The company has locations in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, and Florida. The North Carolina operation will better position the company for the rapid growth of the Raleigh area and Interstate 95 corridor. Mack Industries website is www.mackconcrete.com.

“This building is a tremendous opportunity for the operation. It is within an hour of Raleigh Durham. The building has 11 cranes (5 and 10 ton cranes), which are needed to move the product through the manufacturing process. We see a tremendous growth between here and Raleigh for construction material,” stated Dan Buedel, a spokesperson for Mack Industries.

“I congratulate Mack Industries on the completion of this deal. It has taken several months and has involved several iterations. The Helser Building is in the southern tip of Nash County within a stone’s throw away from Edgecombe and Wilson Counties. The company will be able to draw its employees from all three counties,” stated Donna Phillips from the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

This project is made possible by the hard work of Nash County, Town of Sharpsburg, Carolinas Gateway Partnership, North Carolina Department of Commerce, and Progress Energy.

The Carolinas Gateway Partnership is a coalition of over 200 public and private sector investors from Nash and Edgecombe Counties, the City of Rocky Mount, Town of Tarboro, and the Town of Nashville.

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