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Governor Easley Announces Expansion of AmerLink Headquarters in North Carolina

*Funded by the One North Carolina Fund Grant,
AmerLink's expansion will create 50 new jobs for local workforce*

BATTLEBORO, N.C.—July 9, 2007—AmerLink Ltd., America's Log Home Company, in conjunction with Governor Easley and other city officials, announced the expansion of AmerLink's North Carolina headquarters in Nash County by creating 50 new jobs for local professionals, as well as investing \$1.8 million over the next three years.

The company will expand its headquarters in Nash County with the addition of positions for sales, telemarketing, design, accounting, marketing and planning professionals, which accounts for a significant increase in employment within AmerLink's North Carolina headquarters. While wages will vary by job function, the average weekly wage of the new jobs will be \$838 plus benefits, which is higher than the Nash County average weekly wage of \$531, not including benefits.

"In 25 years of business, AmerLink has sold over 5,000 log homes to date, in turn, further solidifying us as 'America's Log Home Company,' commented Barth. "As we continue to scale the business in order to approach an aggressive growth curve for the future, these 50 new jobs will provide the manpower we need to meet strong and sustained sales growth," Barth added.

The creation of these new jobs was a joint effort, made possible by the One North Carolina Fund Grant, Nash County, the city of Rocky Mount and the entire state of North Carolina coming together to improve AmerLink's existing infrastructure in order to accommodate the hiring of 50 additional employees. "North Carolina is known for its skilled and talented workforce and the announcement of this expansion will only strengthen that reputation," commented Governor Easley.

"Although we received offers from other states to relocate our headquarters, we appreciate the responsiveness of the state of North Carolina and are proud to have our headquarters located here," commented Barth. "We felt that by making the necessary adjustments within our existing infrastructure, we were able to provide more jobs for the local workforce and remain in Nash County."

The announcement on July 6, 2007 was made at the AmerLink headquarters in Battleboro, NC. In attendance was Chris Miller, the Mayor Pro tem and Ward 7 Councilwoman; Valerie L. Lee, President of Golden LEAF, Inc.; John Gressman, President and CEO of Carolinas Gateway Partnership; John Barth, President and CEO of AmerLink and Russell Proctor, Chairman of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce.

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About AmerLink

AmerLink, Ltd. is "America's Log Home Company," and is currently in its 25th year of business. To date, they have sold over 5,000 log homes and have sales centers in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and New York. AmerLink is the parent company behind the national *In The Woods* brand of log home packages for the residential and commercial markets and is headquartered right outside of Rocky Mount in Battleboro, NC. For more information, please visit: www.amerlink.com.