DUSTEX-CAROLINA

Dustex Corporation announced the purchase of the Lienhard Building located at 2650 Arlington Street Extension in Rocky Mount for their new fabrication facility operating under the name of Dustex-Carolina.

Dustex-Carolina President John D. Heinze stated, "In order to meet current and future demand for the reduction of fly ash, a by-product produced from burning fossil fuels, Dustex decided that the time was right to begin fabricating their own equipment. We are now in the process of purchasing (from local suppliers) and installing major equipment that is required for the production of environmental equipment, and to meet our January 1, 2007 start-up date with orders already being made. One current order has a start delivery date of March 2007 and will run through March 2008."

"Dustex chose the Rocky Mount-Edgecombe County location over Atlanta, Georgia to locate their new fabrication facility and will bring excellent job opportunities to the area," stated Mr. Heinze. The company will begin hiring the week of December 11, 2006 with an initial target of 20 employees and will increase as product demand requires.

This project was made possible through the efforts of Carole Wilber of Century 21-The Combs Company, the Carolinas Gateway Partnership, and the N.C. Department of Transportation.

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