

### SERTAPAK EXPANDS TO PORTLAND AREA

Sertapak Group Packaging Systems of Woodstock, Ontario, Canada has signed a lease for 70,000 square-feet of space in Portland, with an option to expand. It expects to employ up to 40 people at the site initially.

The facility is the company's first site in the United States and will focus on the automotive industry.

Sertapak Group has grown from a small distributor of heavy-duty corrugated containers to a designer and manufacturer of a wide variety of returnable packaging systems, primarily for the automotive industry.

Dave Nettleton, Sertapak's President & CEO said, "The Nashville area was a natural choice for our all-important U.S. location. Its proximity to our automotive customer base, transportation efficiencies, talent pool and cosmopolitan flavor provide a winning mix! The State of Tennessee, The Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association and The Nashville Chamber of Commerce have been very helpful with this project."

Jerome Terrell, Director of Economic Development with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, worked with Nettleton and other

Sertapak officials to bring the operation to the region. "Sertapak is an excellent company with a great management style, and we're glad to welcome them to the Nashville region," Terrell said. "Their decision to locate here is an important step for the growth of the company and will contribute to the continued growth of the region and overall strength of our manufacturing sector." †



MetricCan Stamping Corporation site

### AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIER LOCATING IN DICKSON

A Canadian-based tool and die and metal stamping manufacturing company plans to open a factory in Dickson, creating 50 jobs while supplying parts to companies that deal directly with auto-makers.

MetriCan Stamping Corporation of Burlington, Ontario Canada is building a 55,000 square foot factory in Dickson with a scheduled opening in June. The company, over a five-year period, will continue its expansion plans growing to 150,000 square-feet and topping its employment numbers to about 200.

This facility is the company's first U.S. manufacturing operation. Its customers include Dana Corp., SKD Corp., and Magna Corp., among others.

David Hamilton, President/CEO of the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce, said bringing MetriCan Stamping to Dickson County was a team effort with the chamber working closely with the MTIDA, State, TVA, and other partners. †

### PRIDE GROWS IN DICKSON

Odom's Tennessee Pride Sausage broke ground on a 33,000-square-foot expansion to its meat packaging plant in Dickson. The company also announced that, as part of its expansion plans, it will be hiring 100 new employees.

The 54,000-square-foot facility is currently running four assembly and packaging lines over two shifts. The new 33,000-square-foot addition will enable the company to increase to eight lines. A later phase of the expansion will renovate the dry storage area and add a cook line to the plant.

Construction on the \$15 million expansion is beginning immediately. The first phase, an addition to the facility that will

double the capacity of the plant, is expected to be completed by August 1, 2005. The second phase will be completed by mid-year 2006.

"Odom's Tennessee Pride has long been a valued existing industry partner in our state and we are pleased that they are continuing to invest in Tennessee and our work force," said ECD commissioner Matthew Kisber. "We are excited about the new jobs this expansion will create in the Dickson community, and look forward to working with Odom's Tennessee Pride to ensure they continue to be successful here. Sales are up 35% this year for the convenience food! †



Odom's Tennessee Pride Sausage

## ARMY LIKES COFFEE

The Department of Defense announced that a Tullahoma company will make the Army's new combat uniforms at its plants in Tennessee and Alabama.

Tullahoma Industries was awarded a \$27.6 million contract to produce coats and pants for the Army over the next five years. Production is set to begin in April.

The company expects to make 570,000 pairs of pants and 342,000 coats each year. The

contract will provide work for the company's 350 employees at its three facilities.

Tullahoma Industries employs 260 people in Alabama and 90 each in Gruetli-Laager and Tullahoma.

The combat uniforms are a new design the military unveiled recently, using input from soldiers. They have been tested on

some units in Iraq. Changes include a new digital camouflage print, the elimination of the color black, and extensive use of Velcro for nametags, unit emblems and zipper covers.!

## Coffee County Joint Industrial Park

The completion of a 7-year project to provide readily available building sites for the county's future industrial growth was celebrated with a Grand Opening of the Coffee County Joint Industrial Park on January 13th.

The 394-acre park, located mid-way between Manchester and Tullahoma, is fully improved with all utility infrastructure including municipal water, sanitary sewer, natural gas, electrical power, paved roads, and drainage systems.

As a result of its aggressive effort to fully comply with state and federal environmental laws associated with wetlands protection,

the Joint Park Management Committee was awarded the Natural Heritage Conservation Award by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. This award was presented by Governor Bredesen on October 15, 2004.

Agencies providing significant park development support included: Manchester Water and Sewer Department, Tullahoma Office of the City Manager, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Duck River Electric Membership Cooperation, Hickerson Station Volunteer Fire Department,



MTAS, and the State Department of Economic and Community Development.!

## RELIABLE CARRIERS

Reliable Carriers plans to build an 85,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center in the Coffee County Interstate Industrial Park.

The company will use its facility on Hillsboro Highway in Manchester for manufacturing while moving its warehouse and distribution center to the industrial park. Mid-State Logis-

tics, an affiliate, will handle operations of Reliable Carriers.

The move is expected to create 50 new jobs.!



## GLOBAL GROWS IN WOODBURY

Global Industrial Components is expanding its Woodbury plant, adding between 25 to 50 jobs over the next three years.

The company makes and distributes specialty fasteners and components parts for the automotive, marine and lawn and garden industries. It now employs 30 people.

The company plans to spend \$1.6 million on the expansion project. Cannon County used a \$464,000 community development block grant to prepare infrastructure for the project while the State Department of Economic and Community Development awarded the company \$83,000 to help offset infrastructure costs.!

## GOODMAN GROWS IN FAYETTEVILLE

Goodman Manufacturing Company announced plans to add a production line at its Fayetteville plant that will create up to 300 jobs.

The Houston-based manufacturer makes residential and light commercial heating and air conditioning products. It

plans to spend \$500,000 to expand the production line, a move that should help the company call back to work a number of employees previously laid off.

Goodman employs 1,200 people at its Fayetteville plant. †

## LEWISBURG WRAPS PRODUCTION LINE

Pliant Corporation, an Illinois-based industrial packaging company, has spent \$5.5 million to add a production line to its Lewisburg stretch-wrap factory. Nine new jobs will be added as a result of this expansion.

The company has 23 plants in North America. Expansions considerations were at plants in Kentucky and

Georgia before deciding on its plant in Lewisburg, which employs 100 people.

The new production line will make the company's Revolution brand stretch wrap. The new line will produce between 18 to 20 million pounds of wrap per year. †

## EXPANSIONS IN NASHVILLE

**UniFirst**, a supplier of 17,000 uniforms for Nashville area workers is expanding their operation. The 60,000 square-foot plant is expected to be ready for UniFirst to occupy in April. The project cost is about \$8 million and adding about 20 new jobs.

UniFirst rents, leases and sells uniforms and other products, such as protective wear, mats and restroom service items. Regular laundering of the uniforms that Uni-

First rents and leases is also a part of its service. †

**Embraer** is expanding its Nashville aircraft maintenance facility, a move that will create 140 jobs.

The Brazilian aircraft-maker and the Metro Nashville Airport Authority reached an agreement on a lease extension that lets work proceed on a new 71,000 square-foot hangar on the west side of the Nashville International Airport.

Embraer employs 200 people in Nashville. The company came here in 2002 when it bought Celsius Aerotech, a maintenance and repair center for regional and corporate jets. It operates out of a 125,000 square-foot hangar. The new hangar will be built on 10 acres adjacent to the current site.

The company manufactures smaller regional jets in Brazil that have grown in popularity among budget-

conscious U.S. airlines. The jets typically hold either 70 or 100 passengers and are more economical for airlines to use than conventional jets that seat more than 120 passengers. †



Rendering courtesy of Gresham, Smith and Partners

## THE FUTURE POWERCOM

The adjacent photo is a computer rendering of how the Powercom Industrial Park in Hartsville could look when "built out".

The Powercom Park, 450 acres, is part of the former TVA Nuclear site. The Four Lake Regional

Authority has ownership and is charged with the mission to develop and promote the property as a "high-end" regional industrial park. †

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Old Hickory**-In a move that further bolstered its manufacturing presence in Middle Tennessee, the **DuPont Company** transferred 110 employees to the newest of three plants at its Old Hickory manufacturing complex. The \$130 million Advanced Composite Technology facility produces Suprel, a new protective fabric used in hospital gowns and sheets.
- **Columbia- Bosal Industries**, a Dutch owned automotive parts supplier with four manufacturing plants and four distribution facilities in North America, will move into a 50,000 SF building vacated by PSA earlier this year. Bosal occupied the building and began moving equipment at the end of 2004, hiring and production began early 2005. Employment will total approximately 15-20.
- **Columbia-Chassis Supply Partners**, a Bridgestone entity, is in the process of selecting a contractor for a 15,000 SF expansion on their existing facility in the original Maury County Industrial Park. The additional space will not result in any immediate new jobs, but it will give CSP additional production capacity and product flexibility. †

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