

Hettich America to Relocate and Expand U.S. Operations in Georgia

German-based advanced manufacturer consolidates Baldwin and Alpharetta facilities into larger Gwinnett facility

Gwinnett County, Metro Atlanta, Ga. (April 23, 2010) – In partnership with the Gwinnett Chamber, Hettich America L.P. – one of the leading global manufacturers of hardware for kitchen cabinets, residential furniture and appliances - announced today it will consolidate its Baldwin and Alpharetta, Ga., locations into one larger Gwinnett-based location. The two locations with a total of 120,000 sq. ft. will combine to one 150,000 sq. ft. facility in Buford that offers further expansion potential. Hettich’s relocation will bring 100 jobs to Gwinnett with opportunity for 50 more in the next years, aligning directly with the goals for job growth and wealth creation outlined in the community and economic development initiative, Partnership Gwinnett.

Located in IDI’s Hamilton Mill Business Center at 4295 Hamilton Mill Rd. in Buford, Hettich’s new facility will bring substantial capital investment for Gwinnett through the purchase of new office furniture, technology tools and other essential business merchandise. Operations out of the facility will include sales, manufacturing, research and development, engineering and all other positions. The Gwinnett facility will be Hettich’s only U.S. based location.

“Hettich is continuing to launch new products and expand its operations; we needed a location that would give us opportunity to grow over the coming years and one that would be centrally located for both our Baldwin and Alpharetta employees,” said Thomas Ginschel, President of Hettich America. “We also required a location from which we could pull talent and a qualified workforce and Gwinnett was the perfect fit for our needs.”

Hettich produces slides, drawer systems, hinges as well as other hardware for kitchen cabinets, residential furniture and appliances that are being directly sold to OEM’s or through distribution. Some of its more well-known customers include Subzero, Whirlpool/Maytag, American Woodmark and Homecrest.

Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Bannister commented, “Hettich brings the type of quality jobs and infrastructure to Gwinnett County that its leaders, Partnership Gwinnett and the Chamber work hard to attract. Companies like this help expand our global business reach, strengthen the County’s commercial tax base, and provide good jobs for our residents. I am proud to welcome Hettich to our community.”

Hettich’s new facility may not be a certified green building, but it was developed with sustainability in mind and the company practices “green” tactics in its philosophy. With T5 lighting, motion and daylight harvesting sensors, utilization of generator heat in winter and blowing heat out in the summer and instant flow water heaters, the company makes a conscious effort to conserve energy and promote an environmentally-friendly attitude. Last but not

least, by consolidating the facilities Hettich America reduces its carbon footprint, as the need for trucking and travel to the other location is no longer necessary.

Alison Starnes, business development manager for manufacturing & logistics at the Gwinnett Chamber said, “Hettich is a terrific representation of just what we are looking for in those seeking to do business in our community. They have a global presence, offer good job opportunities and promote solid best-practices across their company. We are fortunate they have selected Gwinnett and look forward to their continued growth here in the County.”

Lisa Ward, vice president of leasing for IDI, a leading full-service industrial real estate company, signed the new lease with Hettich America. Nathan Anderson of NAI Brannen/Goddard represented Hettich in the lease deal.

“Hettich chose a space at Hamilton Mill Business Center because of the Class A environment of the business park, its central location and convenience for their current employees,” said Ward. “With superior access to I-85 and I-985, we are confident they will be pleased with their choice.”

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facilities in Hamilton Mill is being planned for early 2011. For more information on Hettich America, visit www.hettichamerica.com and for more information on relocation to Gwinnett County, Metro Atlanta, Georgia, go to www.successliveshere.com.

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About Hettich

The Hettich Group employs around 5,800 people worldwide and generates annual turnover of over one billion dollars. Our customers are kitchen cabinet and appliance manufacturers, artisan producers, fittings dealers as well as DIY and home improvement stores. Our production facilities are located in North and South America, Europe and Asia. With 36 subsidiaries and partner agencies, Hettich is close to its customers in more than 100 countries around the world.

About Partnership Gwinnett and the Gwinnett Chamber

Partnership Gwinnett is Gwinnett’s economic and community development initiative. Led by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and a host of public and private partners, the initiative targets the retention and expansion of existing Gwinnett businesses in addition to the development of new business in five key market segments: Healthcare; Advanced Communications; Information Technology; Trade & Distribution; and Regional/Corporate Headquarters. The ultimate goal is to promote economic wealth & diversification, increase education and work force excellence, improve quality of life and heighten visibility through marketing and outreach programs for the entire Gwinnett community. www.partnershipgwinnett.com

Named one of the top three large chambers in the United States by ACCE, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce’s membership varies from FORTUNE 1,000 companies to innovative startups, and stretches across the Atlanta region, from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to UGA in Athens. Representing more than 7,200 members, the Gwinnett Chamber is the Southeast’s 6th largest chamber and focuses on creating and growing quality job opportunities while enhancing the community’s quality of life.