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PRESS RELEASE

Mid-Atlantic Manufacturing & Hydraulics Expands in Rural Retreat Industrial Park

RURAL RETREAT—Mid-Atlantic Manufacturing and Hydraulics, Inc., a division of Swanson Industries, is expanding its operations in the Rural Retreat Industrial Park. Mid-Atlantic Manufacturing provides fluid power components manufacturing and remanufacturing services for products such as hydraulic cylinders and pumps and offers the specialized capability of friction welding for these and other applications.

The facility and operations expansion will create 50 new jobs and represents a \$6 million investment. Governor Timothy Kaine approved a \$75,000 grant from the Governor's Opportunity Fund for the project. The Virginia Department of Business Assistance will provide recruitment and training assistance through its Workforce Services Jobs Investment Program.

Headquartered in Morgantown, West Virginia, Swanson Industries provides an array of services including manufacturing, remanufacturing, repair, and distribution for mining, construction, off-shore oil, and other sectors. "We are pleased that the business-support climate in Virginia and Wythe County has helped us gain new business in a competitive environment," Swanson Industries President Thomas DeWitt said.

"We congratulate Mid-Atlantic on its success and look forward to its continued prosperity," said Rural Retreat Mayor Timothy Litz. Board of Supervisors Chair Susan Crigger said, "Wythe County is pleased to support expansion at the Rural Retreat facility of Swanson Industries."

The Mid-Atlantic facility in Rural Retreat, which began operations in 2001, is ISO-certified.

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