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WINDWARD PRODUCTS EXPANDS OPERATIONS IN FAIRVIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK

WYTHEVILLE—Windward Products, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Coperion Corporation, is expanding operations in Fairview Industrial Park. Construction recently began on a 12,000 square foot expansion to double the manufacturing space of its Wytheville facility. The company expects to add approximately 20 additional jobs, mostly machinists. The company is moving some of its production capacity from New Jersey to Wytheville. Windward Products manufactures precision components for plastics extruders. Coperion Holding, the parent of Coperion Corporation, is located in Konstanz, Switzerland, and employs 2,000 people at 35 locations worldwide with primary sites in Germany, Switzerland, India, and the United States. Coperion, formed through a merger of Buss, Waeschle, and Werner & Pfleiderer, is a leading global supplier of plants and systems for the plastics industry.

Alan Wood, Windward Products Plant Manager, is excited about the potential growth opportunities based on the synergies with the other Coperion divisions. The competitive advantage of operating in Southwest Virginia will help strengthen Coperion’s global position.

“These are the types of skilled jobs that our area needs and has traditionally been known for,” said Steve Irvin, Chairman of the Joint IDA of Wythe County. “We are very pleased with the Windward Products expansion.”

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