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Plastipak Packaging Inc. to expand in Jefferson County

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – August 25, 2016 – Plastipak Packaging Inc. said it will add two manufacturing lines to its Birmingham area facility, a \$10.4 million expansion that will create at least five new jobs. The new lines will be added to its location at the Jefferson County Metropolitan Park in McCalla, where it manufactures plastic bottles for the beverage industry.

“Plastipak is extremely appreciative of the support it has received from the local community and business organizations,” said William C. Young, president and CEO of Plastipak Holdings. “The Plastipak Team is excited to be able to expand our plant again and to continue to serve our regional customers with high quality products that are manufactured in the state of Alabama.”

Plastipak worked with the Birmingham Business Alliance and officials in Jefferson County on its expansion project. The Jefferson County Commission today approved statutory abatements valued at nearly \$427,258 over 10 years for the company's expansion.

“Plastipak is a long-time and highly valued investor in the county's JeffMet Business Park,” said Jefferson County Commissioner David Carrington. “This business expansion project brings additional investment and jobs to Western Jefferson County.”

Plastipak's expansion is a boost for the already strong JeffMet McCalla industrial park, where it currently employs 117 people.

“Plastipak is one of the oldest tenants in JeffMet McCalla and has been a vital component of our recruitment efforts to the park,” said Ted vonCannon, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Economic and Industrial Development Authority, which manages the 739-acre industrial park. “Its expansions over the years indicate a strong local workforce and an ideal central location to serve its customers throughout the Southeast.”

Plastipak began manufacturing plastic bottles in Birmingham in 2003, when it opened its facility. Since then it has expanded the plant several times, which has allowed the company to serve numerous customers throughout the Southeast. Plastipak Packaging Inc., founded in 1967, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Plastipak Holdings Inc., which is based in Michigan and is a world leader in the design and manufacture of high-quality, rigid plastic containers for the food, beverage, and consumer products industries. It operates 45 sites in the United States, South America and Europe, with a total of over 5,700 employees. Plastipak is also a leading innovator in the packaging industry, holding over 500 United States patents for its state-of-the-art package designs and manufacturing processes. In addition, Plastipak licenses various packaging technologies around the world. For more information, visit www.plastipak.com.

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