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INVESTING IN OHIO'S COMMUNITIES

Kasich announces more than \$118 million in new payroll

COLUMBUS – Gov. John R. Kasich today announced the approval of assistance for 7 projects set to create more than 335 jobs and retain 2,038 jobs statewide. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals presented to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. Collectively the projects are expected to result in more than \$118 million in new payroll and more than \$88 million in investment across Ohio.

Projects approved by the TCA include:

Omya, Inc. (Location TBD) expects to create 25 full-time positions, generating \$1.4 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$9.6 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's consolidation project at a to-be-determined project location. Omya is a producer of industrial minerals and a distributor of chemical products. The TCA approved a 40 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NORTHWEST OHIO:

Bridgestone APM Company, City of Upper Sandusky (Wyandot Co.) expects to create 25 full-time positions, generating \$832,000 in additional annual payroll and retaining \$24.5 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Upper Sandusky (Wyandot Co.). Bridgestone APM Company is an automobile parts manufacturer. The TCA approved a 40 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., City of Celina (Mercer Co.) expects to create 70 full-time positions, generating \$1.7 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's start up project in the City of Celina (Mercer Co.). Ferguson is a wholesale distributor with operations spanning multiple business groups including plumbing and heating and cooling. The TCA approved a 45 percent, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

SOUTHWEST OHIO:

Green Bay Packaging Inc., City of Lebanon (Warren Co.) expects to create 22 full-time positions, generating \$1.3 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$5.3 million in existing payroll as part of the company's inter-region relocation to the City of Lebanon (Warren Co.). Green Bay Packaging manufactures corrugated packaging material. The TCA approved a 35 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

The Eco-Groupe, Inc., City of Vandalia (Montgomery Co.) expects to create 48 full-time positions, generating \$1.9 million in additional annual payroll and retaining \$6.9 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Vandalia (Montgomery Co.). The Eco-Groupe designs and manufactures preforms and molds throughout North America. Plastic preforms are used in the containers for food, health, home, beauty and beverage industries. The TCA approved a 50 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

CENTRAL OHIO:

Highlights for Children, Inc., City of Columbus (Franklin Co.) expects to create 50 full-time positions, generating \$3.8 million in additional payroll and retaining \$12.6 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Columbus (Franklin Co.). Highlights for Children is a family media brand of products which includes their children's magazine. The TCA approved a 45 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NORTHEAST OHIO:

LuK USA LLC, City of Wooster (Wayne Co.) expects to create 95 full-time positions, generating \$2.9 million in additional annual payroll while retaining \$59.8 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Wooster (Wayne Co.). LuK USA is a tier-one automotive parts supplier, producing torque converters and clutches.