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h.h. gregg & Duke Partner in \$16 Million New Distribution Center in Clayton County

New Facility Will Allow Future Growth in Ellenwood

ATLANTA (December 11, 2013) – A team of economic development partners that includes the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Georgia Power Economic Development, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Clayton County Office of Economic Development announced today that home appliance and consumer electronics giant h.h. gregg (www.hhgregg.com) is expanding its footprint in Atlanta with a major new warehouse and distribution facility off I-675 in Ellenwood.

In partnership with developer Duke Realty, h.h. gregg will move into a new \$16 million campus on Anvil Block Road, adjacent to the Ellenwood Tax Allocation District, and near the billion-dollar redevelopment site at the former Army depot Fort Gillem, now known as the Gillem Logistics Center.

With the move from their current facility in the nearby South Park business complex, metro Atlanta and Clayton County will not only retain the nearly 100 jobs h.h. gregg currently employs, but the new facility will provide ample expansion space for the future while adding more than \$16 million in new investment into the Clayton County economy.

Clayton County District 1 Commissioner Sonna Singleton, who worked with the county economic development and community development departments for more than a year on this project, was thrilled to help make the announcement. “We are honored to have h.h. gregg not only remain, but grow, in our community,” she said. “We value their investment and employment base in Clayton County and Ellenwood, and we look forward to helping them grow even bigger over the coming years.”

Founded in 1955 in Indianapolis, Indiana, h.h. gregg is one of the nation's leading and fastest growing retailers of home appliances and consumer electronics with 229 locations in 20 states. They operate both a retail location on Mt. Zion Road in Morrow, and the distribution center along I-675 in Ellenwood.

“We look forward to the move to our new facility in Ellenwood, and to continued growth in Clayton County,” said Jeff Pearson, Senior Vice President of Marketing for h.h.gregg. “Growing in the Atlanta-area continues to be important to our company, and we are pleased to be able to provide employment and career opportunities for residents in this community.”

The 402,500 square-foot state-of-the-art distribution center and warehouse will be built and leased to h.h. gregg by Duke Realty. The confidential project, which had been in the planning stages for more than 18 months, received approval to proceed at the Duke site in Ellenwood in November, pending several last minute zoning issues being addressed by Clayton County.

The announcement of the \$16 million in new investment comes on the heels of several major corporate relocations and expansions in Clayton County over the past few months. Materials handling company Briggs Equipment celebrated two weeks ago the opening of a new \$7 million regional sales and operation center just south of the airport, on Aviation Parkway.

“The global business marketplace has finally realized the advantages of not just being located somewhere in the vicinity of the world’s busiest airport,” stated Clayton County Economic Development Director Grant Wainscott. “Companies want to be as close to the airport and our incredible interstate network as possible...and they can only do that in Clayton County.”

The strong partnership between the economic development organizations involved was another major factor in the success of retaining and expanding h.h. gregg’s investment. The Metro Atlanta Chamber’s supply chain efforts, in conjunction with Clayton State University’s Center for Supply Chain Management, have helped drive many location decisions from national employers.

“Our region is seeing significant new investment this year into logistics facilities from both new and existing retailers as well as manufacturers. As the economy continues to grow, Metro Atlanta’s central market access and unparalleled transportation advantages continue to ensure the long-term success of our companies and their business growth. Assets like Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and the growth of Georgia’s container ports are critical reasons why companies like h.h. gregg continue to expand in our region”, said Bob Pertierra, VP of Supply Chain & Advanced Manufacturing, Metro Atlanta Chamber. “

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