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**EASLEY ANNOUNCES 40 JOBS AND \$15 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR FAYETTEVILLE**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that DuPont Glass Laminating Solutions will add a \$15 million glass interlayer manufacturing line to its existing production site in Fayetteville creating 40 additional jobs.

“DuPont’s expansion in Fayetteville confirms that we are reaping the benefits from our investments in education and infrastructure,” said Easley. “Support of our existing industries is one of the reasons North Carolina’s business climate has been ranked number one in the nation for three years running by *Site Selection* magazine. We will continue to be aggressive as we find innovative ways to stimulate and support the companies already making a contribution to the quality of life in our state.”

“DuPont is a wonderful corporate citizen in Cumberland and Bladen counties,” said Sen. Tony Rand (D-Bladen, Cumberland). “This is great news for our area, and another good example of how the state’s job-creation tools are creating new opportunities for our people. We must continue to do all we can to support North Carolina’s businesses and recruit new employers to our state, and bring more high-tech jobs to our rural communities.”

“I am delighted DuPont has chosen to expand here in Fayetteville,” said Rep. Margaret Dickson (D-Cumberland, Harnett). “The project will create good, solid jobs for our hard working citizens. DuPont is an innovative employer and able to stay ahead of the game thanks to a strong workforce and a willingness to take on a new era in technology.”

“DuPont has always provided the people of Bladen, Cumberland and Sampson counties sound employment opportunities,” said Rep. Edd Nye (D-Bladen, Sampson). “I am pleased they have chosen North Carolina to expand their product line, and in turn, expand their commitment to the people of this state.”

The new line will manufacture DuPont™ SentryGlas® Plus ionoplast interlayers, a high-strength polymer sheet used by glass laminators and window companies to make advanced safety glass for automobiles and buildings.

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The Fayetteville site is one of five existing DuPont safety glass interlayer manufacturing sites serving the global safety glass market. The new manufacturing line will start up in early 2005 and will employ about 20 Dupont employees, with an average salary of \$53,500 per year, and 20 full-time resident contractors.

“SentryGlas® Plus interlayers are the building block for a new generation of structural laminated glass,” said Luigi Robbiati, global business director for DuPont Glass Laminating Solutions. “It offers five times the tear strength and 100 times the stiffness, plus higher clarity and better weathering performance than traditional interlayers. This is creating strong demand from architects, building facade engineers and automotive safety engineers.”

The new interlayer, originally developed by DuPont, helps make hurricane-resistant safety glass. Recent high profile projects include glass stairs at Apple Computer's new store in the SoHo section of New York; a courtroom ceiling for the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Building in Phoenix; an atrium roof at the headquarters of Spain's energy giant, Endesa; and glazing for the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center in China. Glass made with SentryGlas® Plus interlayers is also available as an anti-intrusion, ejection-resistant side window option for Series 5 and Series 7 BMWs.

“The selection of Fayetteville Works speaks well for our employees' capability and flexibility to meet the needs of a growing business,” said Barry Hudson, DuPont’s Fayetteville Works plant manager.

The One North Carolina fund contributed \$25,000 to this expansion.

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