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**Governor McDonnell Announces 25 New Jobs for Henry County**

~The Tile Shop to invest \$1.1 million in distribution operation~

**RICHMOND-** Governor Bob McDonnell announced today that The Tile Shop, a provider of the finest natural stone, ceramic and porcelain tiles and tiling materials, will invest \$1.1 million to open a warehouse distribution operation in Henry County. The project will create 25 new jobs.

“Martinsville and Henry County’s economy is on the rebound,” said Governor McDonnell. “This is the fourth announcement I have made for the region just since April. The Tile Shop will be a great corporate addition and I look forward to Southern Virginia’s continued economic recovery, which remains a focus of my Administration.”

“The Tile Shop’s new operation in Henry County demonstrates that home construction and improvements are on the rise, as is the economy,” said Jim Cheng, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade. “An additional success for the region is a great sign of more progress to follow.”

The Tile Shop was founded on the idea of providing do-it-yourselfers the ability to work with the finest natural stone, ceramic and porcelain tile from around the world at a competitive price through The Tile Shop’s exclusive international suppliers, supported by the domestic manufacture of the highest quality line of adhesives, grouts and cleaning materials.

“Henry County Virginia provides an excellent location for The Tile Shop’s expanding East Coast retail stores, including the four stores currently in Virginia, because of the unique combination of international container ports and domestic logistics up and down the Eastern seaboard,” said Joe Kinder, Supply Chain Manager, The Tile Shop.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation to secure the project for Virginia. The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission approved \$80,000 in Tobacco Region Opportunity Funds for the project. The Virginia Department of Business Assistance will provide training assistance through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.

"We are excited to welcome The Tile Shop to Henry County," said Debra Buchanan, Chairman, Henry County Board of Supervisors. "The company has a tremendous reputation and it will be a great fit in our community and for our residents."

“The Tile Shop LLC is a good fit for Henry County, and is a key part of our mission to bring new jobs and industries to the tobacco region of Virginia,” said Senator Roscoe Reynolds, member, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission.

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