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Patriot Aluminum Breaks Ground In Louisa County Virginia

Louisa, VA (August 5, 2013) Rigid Aluminum Conduit manufacturer Patriot Aluminum Products along with a dozen Louisa officials gathered to commemorate the ground breaking of Patriot's new site, which is about a half-mile from Interstate 64 in the Ferncliff Business Park.

The company started operations in nearby Albemarle County in 2010 and offers the full line of rigid aluminum conduit, nipples, elbows, and couplings. Patriot touts the fact that its products are 100% Made in America, and that it is the only American Owned & Operated, and the only Family Business producing this product line.

"Our plan is to continue to grow Patriot, and this facility will enable us to do so," said Tom Click the company's CEO & Owner. "This building is not just bigger than our current location, its layout is streamlined and modeled after some of the most efficient tubular processing facilities in the world. It will allow us to produce our products with single piece flow and minimal wasted effort."

The new, 30,000-square-foot facility is slated for completion by the end of the year. It will be the first business to occupy the now-vacant business park, which is about 100 acres. The project's cost is about \$1.5 million.

Patriot employs about 25 people and also has regional distribution centers in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Louisville, New Orleans, New Jersey, Phoenix, and Tampa.

"Louisa County has really made a commitment to industry and to business owners and [to the] Ferncliff park," said Click. "Quite frankly, I'm surprised that we're the first ones here. It has a terrific location, proximity to the interstate, proximity to Richmond and Charlottesville and the county just has everything set up for business."

The Louisa County Industrial Development Authority is facilitating tax-exempt financing for the project.

"This is a great example of public-private partnership," said Louisa Supervisor Fitzgerald Barnes, who added that he thinks Patriot's move to the park will jumpstart interest in the Ferncliff area. Construction is expected to begin immediately.

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From Left: Geneva Anderson, Megan Larraburu, Tom Click, Sarah Click, Eric Perrot, John Griffin, Tony Smith, John Nunley (Ferncliff Industrial Park)

