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For business editors

Glassautomatic Expanding Operations at Mount Pleasant Glass Centre Another 10-year commitment by the local glass manufacturer.

Mount Pleasant Township, Pa, January 24, 2013 – The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation's (WCIDC) Board of Directors – Charles W. Anderson, R. Tyler Courtney, and Ted Kopas today approved a 10-year lease extension with Glassautomatic. The renewed lease included 26,000 square-feet at the Mount Pleasant Glass Centre in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County.

Glassautomatic is a glass
decorating company founded
by Rolf Poeting in 1981. After
emigrating from Germany as
the third generation in his
family to sell glassmanufacturing equipment,
Mr. Poeting started his own
glass design company also



known as Rolf Glass. In 2003, the company moved from its smaller location in Latrobe to the historic glass-making town of Mount Pleasant as the first manufacturer to occupy the building since Lenox's closure of its crystal stemware operation in 2002.

"Ours is a tale of hard-work and satisfaction," said Rolf Poeting, owner of the company. "Ten years ago we were just starting out with 18 people, but with dedicated workers, larger

accommodations and a partnership with the WCIDC and EGC, today our small company has grown to 50 employees and we are still looking to grow."



With the renewal of the 26,000 square-feet, the company is discussing options to increase space and operations at the site. "Every piece of 'Rolf Glass' is a part of a long-storied history of western Pennsylvania glass-making and we are looking forward to having another 10 years

of success at this complex," adds Poeting. "We pride ourselves on exceptional customer service and the ability as a domestic manufacturer to respond quickly and flexibly to each customer's unique needs." In addition to the original designs, the company also provides custom monogramming, glass-cutting and custom engraving and etching.







"This lease extension is a symbol of Glassautomatic's commitment to keeping the glass industry thriving," said County Commissioner Chuck Anderson. Commissioner Anderson also serves as chairman of the county Industrial Development Corporation. "It's traditional companies like this that can utilize the skills of the workers known to the Westmoreland County region."

"The success of the Mount Pleasant Glass Centre is an example of the county's strong

public/private partnership between the WCIDC and the Economic Growth Connection of

Westmoreland (EGC) utilizing the advantages of our agency's resources," said Jason Rigone,

Executive Director of the WCIDC.

Glassautomatic occupies space in the building along with Lenox Outlet, Pittsburgh Electric

Engines, Crystal Concepts, O'Rourke Cut Glass and Catch-Up Logistics. For more information

about Glassautomatic as a market leader in quality tabletop giftware and glass decorating, visit

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