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Early American Pittsburgh, Inc. Expanding Operations to Mount Pleasant Glass Centre

Allison Park candle manufacturer will scent Westmoreland County.

Mount Pleasant Township, Pa, December 19, 2013 – The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation’s (WCIDC) Board of Directors – Charles W. Anderson, R. Tyler Courtney, and Ted Kopas today approved a one-year lease agreement with Early American Pittsburgh, Inc. The lease includes 15,000 square-feet at the Mount Pleasant Glass Centre in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County.

Early American Pittsburgh, a family-owned candle manufacturing company, was founded by Elmer and Dorothy Byrnes in 1962. The company manufactures many types of jar, votive, tealites, and pillar candles, as well as other specialty candles



for wholesalers throughout the country. Expansion plans call for the company to relocate from their current operations in Allison Park to Suite 100C at the Mount Pleasant complex, which would enable them to increase their product line and warehousing operations.

Recently awarded a national distributorship for Libbey Glass, east of the Mississippi, the company now carries a wide variety of Libbey products via the web and is an authorized

distributor for IGI waxes, Cargill waxes (soy products), Atkins & Pearce wicks, Fil-Tec wicks, Glue Dots International and Anchor Hocking glass. “We carry a complete line of candle making supplies including waxes, wicks, glass containers, candle molds, fragrances, dyes, packaging supplies and many more items for all candle making needs,” said John G. Brynes, President of Early American Pittsburgh. “We have a workforce of 13 that includes candle masters that have been recognized nationally for their expertise, craftsmanship, and artistry. Because of the expected growth in sales we anticipate to double or triple our staff within three to five years.”



With the initial lease term of 1-year and the ability to renew in 5-year increments, the company is hoping to move operations into the facility no later than January, 2014. “By incorporating our complete candle manufacturing portfolio and Libbey

products at this facility, we will continue to raise the industry standards for providing quality service for our customers,” adds Brynes. “We are extremely excited to partner with the WCIDC and EGC on this arrangement.”

“We welcome the expansion of Early American Pittsburgh to the Mount Pleasant Glass Centre which will be providing solid jobs to the area and contributing to our local economy,” said County Commissioner Chuck Anderson. Commissioner Anderson also serves as chairman of the county Industrial Development Corporation. “Westmoreland’s local community eagerly

anticipates these new job opportunities.”

“Mount Pleasant Glass Centre’s continued success 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.

Early American Candle will occupy space in the building along with Glassautomatic, Lenox Outlet, Pittsburgh Electric Engines, Crystal Concepts, O’Rourke Cut Glass, and the Mount Pleasant Glass Museum. For more information about Early American Pittsburgh as a leading manufacturer in quality custom and specialty candle products, visit www.eapinnovations.com.

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