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Corbett Administration Announces Manufacturer Expansion Creating New Jobs in Westmoreland County

Harrisburg – Continuing to advance Governor Tom Corbett’s JOBS1st PA initiative, Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary C. Alan Walker today announced that Karndean Designflooring, a global interiors company, will expand its operations creating 38 new jobs in Westmoreland County.

“The Corbett administration’s policies are working and manufacturers are not only choosing Pennsylvania as the best place to do business, but are staying and expanding here as well,” Walker said. “Our partnership in the growth of Karndean will provide skills training for new and incumbent workers and will add 38 new jobs in Westmoreland County.”

Karndean has outgrown its space in Penn Township, Westmoreland County, and will double in size through this expansion at its current site. The company has also committed to creating at least 38 new jobs and retaining 69 more positions over the next three years.

The company received a funding proposal from the Department of Community and Economic Development including a \$75,000 Pennsylvania First Program grant that facilitates investment and job creation, \$17,100 in Guaranteed Free Training which will be used for skills training for both new and incumbent employees and \$76,000 in Job Creation Tax Credits. Karndean has accepted the funding proposal, but must still apply for each loan and grant and agree to the terms prior to award receipt.

“We are excited to begin this expansion process here in Pittsburgh,” said Ed Perrin, CEO. “We’re committed to providing the best possible service to our customers and being a valued employer in the region. It not only benefits us as a business, it also enables us to strengthen our relationship with the local community by creating jobs and partnering with local vendors.”

The project was coordinated by the Governor’s Action Team, an experienced group of economic development professionals who report directly to the Governor and work with businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Pennsylvania in collaboration with Westmoreland County Economic Development.

“We are excited with Karndean’s decision to expand their operations in the county and provide job opportunities to our residents,” said Jason Rigone, Executive Director of the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation. “Their decision to grow here instead of at their other U.S. locations is a strong indicator that Westmoreland County is a great place to do business.”

Karndean Designflooring is a global leader in flooring design with operations in the USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand. By offering a wide range of colors, textures and finishes, their products help create looks that are unique to the home or business and are guaranteed to last.

For more information on Karndean Designflooring visit www.karndean.com.

In 2012, Gov. Corbett launched JOBS1st PA as a comprehensive roadmap to economic recovery that harnessed the state's resources and talents to prioritize private-sector job creation and retention. Today, Pennsylvania's unemployment rate stands at a five-year low and jobs have been growing on a consistent basis for nearly four years.

For more information about Corbett's commitment to job creation, visit www.pa.gov.

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