



Mt. Pleasant Glass Centre tenants Glassautomatic, Inc. and O'Rourke Cut Glass sign lease extensions

Renewals keep facility — which is home to seven businesses — at full occupancy

GREENSBURG, PA, April 15, 2021 — The Board of Directors of the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation today approved lease extensions for two tenants at [Mt. Pleasant Glass Centre](#) — Glassautomatic, Inc. and O'Rourke Cut Glass. The agreements keep the 142,681 SF facility along Route 31 in Mt. Pleasant at full occupancy with seven tenants that employ 110 workers. Both extensions take effect May 1, 2021.

Glassautomatic, which has 58 employees, extended its lease for 36,316 SF of space within Building 300 for 21 months. Glassautomatic leases an additional 26,000 SF of space in Buildings 200 and 300; this extension aligns the expiration date for all of the space it leases for its manufacturing and warehousing operations.

Glassautomatic was the first tenant to move into Mt. Pleasant Glass Centre when the county took ownership of the former Lenox Crystal manufacturing facility in 2002. A glass-cutting operation, Glassautomatic does service work for larger companies, handles custom orders and sells its own line of consumer glassware under the [Rolf Glass brand](#). The WCIDC [recently profiled it in our "Company Spotlight" series](#).

"We all love the beautiful views with the changing seasons of the Laurel Highlands. With the rollercoaster fortunes of this small manufacturing company, we highly value the partnership with the WCIDC as our landlord; we weathered together some serious crises," said Glassautomatic President Rolf Poeting. "The building holds particular memories for me; my family's engineering company supplied Lenox Crystal with numerous glass-working machines as far back as the early 1980s."

The O'Rourke Cut Glass agreement is a one-year extension for 2,400 SF of space that the company occupies in Building 600. The agreement includes a one-year optional extension. The company has two employees.

[O'Rourke Cut Glass](#) sells fine crystal, art/antique glass and engraveable awards and gifts. Owner Peter O'Rourke — a master glass cutter who has lent his expertise to the inaugural bowl project for every U.S. president since Ronald Reagan — worked in the building for Lenox Glass for 21 years before opening his own glass shop with one-of-a-kind items created by local artists.

"Mount Pleasant Glass Centre has been home to my workshop since 1981, so of course I'm glad to renew my lease," O'Rourke said. "We're open Monday through Saturday from 10 to 4, and we're happy to work with customers to create custom designs for awards and special gifts. Also, we can repair chipped or damaged antique glassware and crystal."

WCIDC Executive Director Jason Rigone said he's glad both companies will continue to keep alive the facility's glass-industry tradition.

“Both these businesses add to the legacy off Mt. Pleasant Glass Centre,” Rigone said. “When Lenox announced that it was closing its Mt. Pleasant factory, the county and our partners at the [Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland](#) moved quickly to ensure that this manufacturing facility wouldn’t sit idle. Although we’re proud to support all the enterprises in our facilities, it’s particularly satisfying to have tenants keeping the glass industry alive in Mt. Pleasant.”

These lease extensions come one month after [EAP Innovations renewed its lease for 17,000 SF space](#) at Mt. Pleasant Glass Centre.

About Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

Founded in 1983 by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners, the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation implements a comprehensive economic development strategy to promote growth in terms of job creation, economic output and a stable tax base for Westmoreland County. Through the development of a county-wide industrial park system, a responsive Business Calling Program and involvement in public/private partnerships, WCIDC strives to foster business growth, resulting in job opportunities for the citizens of Westmoreland County.

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