

Press Release

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Neopac Chooses Wilson for New North American Headquarters and First US Plant

Wilson, N.C. – Neopac US, Inc., a global manufacturer of primary packaging for the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries, chose Wilson, N.C. for its first U.S. manufacturing plant and new North American headquarters, Governor Roy Cooper announced today. The company will build a new high-tech facility for high barrier Polyfoil® tube production at the Wilson Corporate Park and will work with the local government and education system to train new employees.

«We are working hard to bring well-paying, fulfilling jobs to people in North Carolina,» said Governor Cooper. «Neopac is an example of the kind of company we want here in North Carolina – they are bringing quality, well-paying jobs and they're ready to help train people to fill them.»

Neopac US was incorporated in Delaware in 2011 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hoffmann Neopac AG, based in Switzerland. Neopac US creates high-barrier tubes used for pharmaceutical and cosmetic formulas. With this project, Neopac will build a new facility with a clean room and high speed tube line, the first for small diameter Polyfoil® tubes up to 8 ml content. The total yearly capacity of this line will be 80 million tubes. The facility will have room for expansion to up to four high speed production lines.

«For the last two years, we've done a detailed evaluation for a suitable site location in the US and we are pleased to locate our new US headquarters in Wilson, a community that matches perfectly with our requirements for qualified people, supportive government, a high quality of life and proximity to our customers,» said Mark Aegler, CEO at Hoffmann Neopac AG.

«Our new pharma focused facility prepares us to better meet the current and future needs of our North American customers and together with our facilities in Europe, Hungary and India allows us to be the world wide solutions partner to all customers» said Douglas Voreis, Managing Director at Neopac US Inc.

«Wilson County has a strong manufacturing presence, and that's because the workforce and the infrastructure here is strong,» said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland. «Neopac will move into the Wilson Corporate Park, joining companies like Fresenius Kabi, and will work with schools, community colleges and NC Works to make sure we keep training Wilson's workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow.»

The North Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. (EDPNC) were instrumental in supporting the company's expansion decision.

In addition to North Carolina Commerce and the Economic Partnership of North Carolina, other key partners in the project include the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Community College System, Wilson County, the City of Wilson the Wilson Economic Development Council and Wilson Properties, Inc.

((Picture caption: Groundbreaking in Wilson, NC for the new US pharma plant))

Hoffmann Neopac AG

Hoffmann Neopac is a privately-owned company, headquartered in Thun, Switzerland. The company produces high-quality metal and plastic packaging in currently four locations: HOFFMANN tins in Thun and through CMP in Holland; Polyfoil® and plastic NEOPAC tubes in Switzerland and Hungary. Its long-standing customers include internationally active pharmaceutical, cosmetics and consumer goods manufacturers in the European and North American markets. The company has recently taken a majority stake in 3D Technopack Ltd, from Mumbai, India, thereby securing its foothold in the Asian market. Including the new US Plant, the company has thousand employees in total and a tube capacity of 1.3 billion tubes.

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