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The Development Authority of McDuffie County and the City of Thomson is pleased to announce that Hollander Sleep Products, Inc. has decided to locate their new 208,000 square foot manufacturing and distribution center in Stone Business Park. Hollander's new location will be located in the Stone Business Park North of I-20. Red Rock Developments will develop the project for Hollander and is currently finishing the plans for the building that will be completed in the first half of 2015.

Riley Stamey, Development Authority Chairman said, "We are happy that the Hollander Company has chosen McDuffie County to locate its manufacturing and distribution facility. This is certainly good news for the citizens of the area. Creating employment opportunities and expanding the tax base of our county is good business. This sizeable investment is evidence that the company is growing and McDuffie's County's economy is improving as well."

Hollander plans to employ over 200 people in its new location. Rafael Rodriguez, Hollander Chief Manufacturing Officer, said: "Hollander is pleased to be a part of McDuffie County and looks forward to the much anticipated success we will have there. We believe that this will be a state of the art operation that both Hollander and McDuffie County will be proud of for years to come."

The Development Authority has been working with Hollander to locate this facility for several months and has helped them identify a site that will work with their transportation needs. The new location will be located on Hwy 150 less than one mile from I-20.

Ralph Staffins, III said: "The interstate access and great workforce is what helped to locate this fine company to our community." Staffins, Development Authority Executive Director, went on to say "We are proud to gain the initial jobs for our community and the additional jobs that will be added to reach Hollander's 220 employment level goal within five years. This is a great indicator that our economy has turned and is now improving."

"This project represents a unique, strategic partnership between a progressive community looking to drive economic growth and an industry leader continuing to grow their company. Red Rock is honored to have the opportunity to work with this team and we are very excited about the project" commented John Barker, Jr. SIOR, President and Chief Development Officer for Red Rock Developments.

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