



Mahindra USA Drives Jobs Into Calhoun

Tomball, Texas-based Mahindra USA opened a second assembly and distribution center in Calhoun, Ga., doubling its production capacity and adding 40 new jobs to Gordon County and surrounding areas.

One of the largest tractor manufacturers in the world, Mahindra USA decided to settle in Calhoun to better serve an explosion of new dealers in the Northeast and Southeast.

According to Derek Johannes, president of Mahindra USA, the company is experiencing a “dramatic increase in consumer sales,” and the Calhoun location will facilitate handling the volume. The Calhoun facility will perform the same production activities, including final assembly and pre-delivery inspections, as the company’s Tomball headquarters. Quick Start and Coosa Valley Technical College have partnered with Mahindra USA to train the new employees.



From left: Rajan Chugh, Mahindra product support and service manager; Paul Helton, Quick Start training coordinator; Jeff Lynn, Quick Start director of northern operations; Anand Mahindra, Mahindra India vice chairman and managing director; Pete McDonald, Coosa Valley Tech VP of economic development; Derek Johannes, Mahindra USA president; and Ravi Shahane, Mahindra marketing manager



Mahindra Tractors
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MedSource Renovations to Benefit Northwest Georgia

MedSource Technologies is renovating its facilities in Trenton and will be creating 38 new jobs for Dade County and surrounding areas. MedSource has partnered with Northwestern Technical College and Quick Start to train the new employees, whose work will support the company’s new clean room and manufacturing projects.

“Of all the states in which we do business, Georgia ranks with the best for providing support to industry via the Quick Start program through Northwestern Technical College,” said Tom Parker, VP and general manager of operations for Minneapolis-based MedSource Technologies. The company provides research and development, design and manufacturing solutions for its clients in the medical device industry.

Northwestern Technical College President Dr. Ray Brooks said, “We are pleased to be working with MedSource Technologies. Dade County is extremely important to us at Northwestern Technical College.”

From left, standing: Jay Brown, MedSource director of manufacturing; Kevin Casey, MedSource controller; and Al Hutchinson, Northwestern Tech VP of economic development. Seated, from left: Jeff Lynn, Quick Start director of northern operations; Tom Parker, Medsource VP and general manager; and Ray Brooks, Northwestern Tech president

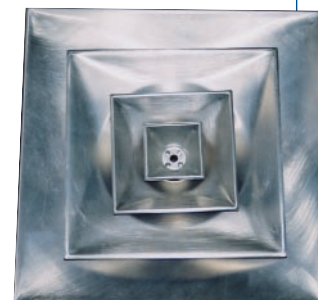


Mestek Jobs Fly to Wrens

With Quick Start’s help, manufacturer Mestek Inc. will produce a new line of ventilation products at its Wrens plant. Quick Start will be providing job training for approximately 45 new employees in collaboration with Sandersville Technical College.

“We feel very fortunate to be located in Georgia, where we have Quick Start,” said Mestek Plant Manager Emerson W. Hobgood at the recent training agreement signing in Wrens. “Quick Start is a big part of why we moved the product here.”

Marla Lowe, Quick Start executive director, economic development programs and Leigh Evans, Sandersville Technical



College’s VP of Economic Development, praised the three-way partnership. “We’re very excited to be a part of creating new jobs.” said Lowe. Evans shared her enthusiasm, saying, “I look forward to seeing this project as it grows,” she said. “This is just the beginning.”



Marla Lowe, Quick Start executive director, economic development programs, speaks with Emerson W. Hobgood, plant manager of Mestek’s Wrens facility.