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## Carborundum Grinding Wheel Company Announces Investment in Hocking County

**Logan, Ohio: December 17, 2024** — Carborundum Grinding Wheel Company, in collaboration with JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), and the Hocking County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), today announced an investment of over \$440,000 to improve its facility in Logan, Ohio.

Carborundum Grinding Wheel Company is a leading manufacturer of high-quality organic bonded specialty abrasive grinding wheels. The company produces an extensive range of grinding products and custom engineers each formula to meet the customer's specific application. The company opened its specialized manufacturing facility in 1956 and the facility remains one of the oldest manufacturers in Logan, Ohio. The facility has been under the same family ownership since 1984 and just celebrated its 40th year in business.

"Carbo has a bright future ahead of it. We're deeply grateful to JobsOhio for supporting our roof renovation project. This vital upgrade ensures our facility remains fully operational and allows our team to build upon the legacy my dad started in 1984," said Alexandra Marchetti, President of Carborundum Grinding Wheel Company. "We're a proud member of this community, with many members of our team having worked here for decades. We look forward to growing our Carbo family and continuing to create jobs for the community of Logan, Ohio."

The facility was specifically designed to support the manufacturing process of abrasives, including many structural and industry specific modifications. However, due to the integrity of the 4th floor roof, production has been hindered. The investment from JobsOhio will support Carborundum's investment to replace the roof and maximize production capacity on the 4th floor, which will help facilitate the creation of three new jobs.

"The CIC Board of Trustees and Staff are very excited to see positive investment happening at Carborundum. The company is a longstanding member of the industrial community here, and we look forward to seeing its continued growth," said Joy Evangelista, Executive Director of the Hocking County CIC.

This investment is supported by a \$50,000 JobsOhio Small Business Grant. The JobsOhio Small Business Grant provides grants to support the growth of small businesses that face unique challenges because they are either located in a qualifying zip code or are owned by an eligible population, which includes minorities, women, veterans, and people with disabilities. To qualify the company must have an eligible project and meet business size and industry requirements.

"JobsOhio and OhioSE are thrilled that Carborundum is making this investment in its Logan facility and continuing its commitment to product quality," said Katy Farber, OhioSE Interim President. "We are gratified to see the Carborundum enter a new chapter of expansion based upon the company's craftsmanship and the productivity of its Logan workforce."

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The **Hocking County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)** was formed in 1967 by the Hocking County Commissioners to serve as the economic development agency for both the county and the City of Logan. Since then, the CIC has made investments in the community to support manufacturing growth and community development. The CIC works closely with JobsOhio, OhioSE, and local organizations and companies in support of its role in economic development.

**Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE)** is the JobsOhio Network Partner for southern, eastern, and southeastern Ohio, providing economic development work and resources in 25 rural counties. Geographically the largest of the seven regions across the state, OhioSE partners closely with regional development districts, local economic development offices, state agencies, and other entities to expand, retain, and attract businesses in the counties they serve. Learn more at <a href="OhioSE.com">OhioSE.com</a>.

JobsOhio, Ohio's private nonprofit economic development corporation, enhances company growth and personnel development through business attraction, retention, and expansion across ten competitive industry sectors. With a team of seasoned professionals, JobsOhio utilizes a comprehensive network to foster talent production in targeted industries and attract talent through Find Your Ohio. Collaborating with seven regional partners, including Dayton Development Coalition, Lake to River Economic Development, Ohio Southeast Economic Development, One Columbus, REDI Cincinnati, Regional Growth Partnership, and Team NEO, JobsOhio delivers world-class customer service to provide companies with a competitive advantage. Learn more atwww.jobsohio.com. Follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.