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JobsOhio and Community of Oak Hill Team-Up To Provide High-Speed Internet To Nock & Son Company

Oak Hill, OH: January 28th, 2020 — The Nock & Son Company, a family-owned business engaged in the refractories industry, in collaboration with JobsOhio and Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), today announced the company has received a JobsOhio Inclusion Grant to assist with the installation of broadband high-speed Internet to its manufacturing location in Jackson County. The project is being assisted with a JobsOhio Inclusion Grant.

“Nock & Son is tremendously appreciative of JobsOhio’s assistance in upgrading the technology at our Oak Hill facility, and also for providing assistance for an equipment purchase for our manufacturing process,” said Stephen J. Nock, President of Nock & Son Company. “We have been proud to call Jackson County home for over 50 years.”

Nock & Son manufactures a full line of alumina ramming mixes, castables, plastics and gunning mixes and is one of the highest-wage employers in Jackson County. The \$29,000 JobsOhio Inclusion Grant will be applied towards infrastructure and equipment costs associated with transitioning the company’s digital operations.

“This is a tremendous win for Jackson County,” said Mike Jacoby, OhioSE President. “Nock & Son’s success is yet another success story on the benefits of doing business in southern Ohio. The new jobs and investment tied to this project will work to further ensure the long-term future of this family-owned business. The company will be able to connect to fiber service, which will greatly improve their capacity to do business.”

“Nock & Son is a great example of the longterm success companies are able to find in Jackson County,” said Sam Brady, Jackson County Economic Development Partnership Executive Director. “We are very appreciative of Nock & Son’s past investment in our community, but also their preparation for the future, and the JobsOhio Inclusion Grant is the perfect vehicle to facilitate that move,” Brady added.

A veteran-owned business, Nock & Son was founded in 1948 and is currently operated by the third and fourth generations of the Nock family in the refractories business. A predecessor company, Nock Fire Brick, was founded in 1912 by Charles H. Nock, the great grandfather of current president Steve Nock. For the past 60 years, Nock & Son Company was managed by Charles J. Nock, who is still active and integral in his seventh decade at the company. Nock and Son’s customer base consists primarily of integrated steel producers, electric furnace mini mills, foundries and alloy plants.

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JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast Economic Development](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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. OhioSE is the newest and geographically the largest of the six economic development 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 OhioSE.com.

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