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Winesburg Chair, LTD Announces 80,000 Sq. Ft. Expansion, Addition of 50 New Full Time Jobs in Three-Phase Plan

Winesburg, Ohio: June 28, 2020 — Winesburg Chair, LTD, a sawmill and furniture manufacturing business, in collaboration with JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), and Holmes County Economic Development Council, today announced the planned construction of 80,000 sq. ft. of new space for manufacturing, warehousing, and office functions. The expansion will be completed in three-phases and is projected to result in the creation of 50 new full-time jobs. The company also plans to invest in new equipment and machines that will improve production output to meet growing demand.

Winesburg Chair manufactures American Made furniture from forest to fabrication from Ohio hardwoods. The family operated company was founded 20 years ago in Winesburg. According to Bryan Coblentz, owner of Winesburg Chair, “We have been selecting and harvesting the timber for our products, shaping it in our sawmill, and building quality furniture from its roots up for 20 years.” Coblentz describes the “vertical process” of quality checked from seedling to the final product as contributing to an excellent final product.

“We take great pride in the furniture we produce and now offer one of the most complete custom dining lines in the country,” said Coblentz. “We are most appreciative to OhioSE, JobsOhio and Holmes County Economic Development Council for their continued support.”

Mark Leininger, Executive Director of The Holmes County Economic Development Council (HCEDC) was pleased to learn that the Coblentz family has chosen to invest in expanded operations at its Winesburg facility.

“The company’s vertically integrated business model has uniquely positioned it for growth across a number of divisions,” said Leininger. He added, “The HCEDC has enjoyed working with the company on various projects over the years and we wish Winesburg Chair continued growth and success.” HCEDC partnered with OhioSE and JobsOhio on the Winesburg Chair expansion project.

“Winesburg Chair is a great example of the growth many businesses in our region are experiencing and we are proud to partner with the company,” said Mike Jacoby, President of OhioSE. “The Coblentz family has done a remarkable job in growing Winesburg Chair through a dedication to quality and a clear vision to produce beautifully crafted furniture.”

Ohio Development Services Agency is providing a 6-year Job Creation Tax Credit valued at \$100,000 and JobsOhio and OhioSE are providing a JobsOhio Grant of \$50,000 to support equipment and machinery costs.

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Winesburg Chair manufactures American Made furniture from forest to fabrication. The third generation of lumber specialists has its origins as a two-man logging operation more than three generations ago. As the younger generation of the Coblenz family became a part of this growing enterprise, the company diversified into furniture making creating a path for future success and growth,

Holmes County Economic Development Council is dedicated to improve the quality of life for Holmes County citizens by supporting strategic business growth and investment. Learn more at www.hcedc.com/

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; they are the newest and geographically the largest of the six 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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