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## **EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES LIF INDUSTRIES TO CREATE 21 NEW JOBS AND PRESERVE 110 IN LONG ISLAND MANUFACTURING EXPANSION**

### *Fireproof Door Maker Increase Capacity By 25%*

Empire State Development (ESD) today announced that Long Island hollow metal door manufacturer LIF Industries, Inc. would create 21 new jobs and retain 110 jobs as it expands production capacity and nearly doubles the footprint of its Port Washington factory. The company will purchase a building across the street from its current Nassau County location, to increase manufacturing.

“Under Governor Cuomo’s leadership, manufacturing continues to grow in New York, creating jobs and providing the backbone of regional economies,” said Howard Zemsky, President, CEO & Commissioner of ESD. “LIF Industries is part of a company that has been producing goods on Long Island for the past 80 years, and we are pleased to see them remain and expand here.”

“Our roots are here in New York, so we are glad ESD approved our application,” said Vincent Gallo, President of LIF Industries. “There is a lot of competition in the metropolitan New York area, so it is vital to the sustainability and growth of LIF, that we constantly find ways to increase efficiency and capacity while effectively managing costs.”

With the expansion, LIF Industries will purchase a 40,000-square-foot building across the street from its current 163,000-square-foot factory, increasing its size by 25%. The new facility will help LIF expand its manufacturing capabilities, as it taps into new markets throughout the United States.

LIF Industries, Inc., dba Long Island Fireproof Door, Inc., traces its Long Island roots back to the early 1930s, when the company was founded, as Long Island Kalamein Door Company and became one of the early distributors of fireproof doors. Long Island Fireproof Door currently employs more than 350 people throughout Long Island, including the 300 in Port Washington.

To encourage LIF Industries to expand and remain in New York, Empire State Development will provide the company with up to \$500,000 in Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits. LIF will create 21 new jobs, retain 110 current jobs, and maintain those staffing levels for 10 years. The company also plans to invest \$11 million to acquire and outfit the new facility. LIF had considered moving to Pennsylvania

**About LIF Industries:**

LIF Industries, Inc. took on its current identity in 1966, when carpentry contractors and brothers Vincent and Joseph Gallo purchased it and changed the name to **Long Island Fireproof Door**. At that time, the company had few employees and its annual sales totaled \$75,000. The Gallo brothers nurtured the company and expanded its offering in key areas. In the late 1980s, they formed a sister company, **LIF Industries**, to manufacture hollow metal doors, which had evolved from the original Kalamein door. Throughout our evolution, we have committed to exceptionally service the changing needs of owners and builders, as well as construction and design communities abroad. Moving forward, we continue to seek opportunities, which will add value, benefit, and superior service to the global construction community and its end users.

**About Empire State Development:**

Empire State Development (ESD) is New York's chief economic development agency ([www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov)). The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits and other forms of financial assistance, ESD strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State. ESD is also the primary administrative agency overseeing Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Councils and the marketing of "I Love NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information on Regional Councils and Empire State Development, visit [www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov](http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov) and [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov).

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