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**EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF NEW BUCHER
EMHART GLASS MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN BIG FLATS**

***Bucher Emhart Glass' Expansion Creates New Opportunities While Ensuring
More Than 100 Jobs Will Remain In Chemung County***

***Investment Complements "Southern Tier Soaring" – Region's Successful Upstate
Revitalization Initiative Blueprint to Grow the Economy and Create New
Opportunities***

Empire State Development (ESD) today announced that Bucher Emhart Glass Manufacturing Inc., which produces testing and inspecting equipment used by glass container manufacturers around the world, has officially opened the doors on its new, nearly 107,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Big Flats, Chemung County. The company's expansion will retain more than 100 jobs remain in Southern Tier region.

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky said, "The entire Southern Tier region continues to benefit tremendously from Governor Cuomo's determination to revitalize the upstate economy. Bucher Emhart is both a worldwide industry leader and an important employer in Chemung County, and their expansion is a prime example of how our support for specialized manufacturers will bolster and grow the regional economy. We wish them continued success in their new location."

Bucher Emhart Glass, which has a history with Elmira that goes back nearly a century, is headquartered in Cham, Switzerland, with offices and manufacturing facilities located throughout the world. The company is a leading supplier of forming machines, inspection machines, controls, and parts to the glass container industry. Today's announcement highlights the completion of Bucher Emhart's strategic move from their location in Elmira, into a larger facility – the former Sikorsky Hawkworks building near the Elmira Corning Regional Airport, which closed in 2012 due to cuts in federal defense spending and other economic challenges.

Bucher Emhart Glass Manufacturing, Inc. President and CFO Susan Mathers said, "We would like to thank the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council for their assistance in helping Emhart obtain support from Empire State Development to

expand our manufacturing operations. This allows us to remain in Chemung County while also providing us with flexibility for future growth and expansions."

In order to encourage Bucher Emhart to expand its operations and retain jobs in the Southern Tier, ESD has offered a grant of up to \$1,072,500 for a portion of the costs associated with the acquisition of the building in Big Flats. In return, the company will retain at least 111 jobs and maintain that employment level through 2020, while making project investments totaling more than \$6.3 million dollars. The project was endorsed as a regional priority by the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council (STREDC).

Southern Tier REDC Co-Chairs Tom Tranter, President & CEO of Corning Enterprises and Harvey Stenger, President of Binghamton University said, "The STREDC is committed to helping innovative manufacturing thrive in this region. An added bonus to this exciting announcement, of course, is the repurposing of the former Sikorsky Hawkworks building which had sat vacant for the past four years. Thanks to Governor Cuomo's vision and commitment to generating economic growth throughout upstate, the Southern Tier can look forward to true economic progress for years to come."

Bucher Emhart Glass, Inc.'s new Big Flats location is one of thirteen facilities worldwide, including the United States, Switzerland, Japan, China, Malaysia, Sweden, Italy and Germany.

State Senator Thomas O'Mara said, "Our ongoing local and state focus on building and strengthening the Southern Tier's foundation of manufacturing continues to produce results with the new Bucher Emhart Glass Manufacturing facility in Big Flats. It's maintaining more than 100 good jobs in Chemung County, producing other economic opportunities and, equally important, it continues to deliver a strong and hopeful message for the future of regional manufacturing. I look forward to continuing to work closely with our Southern Tier REDC and the Cuomo administration to secure these smart and successful investments for the Southern Tier."

Chemung County Executive Tom Santulli said, "Bucher Emhart is a world leader in the manufacturing of glass container inspection equipment. Their move to Airport Corporate Park will allow for continued expansion of their business and demonstrates their commitment to Chemung County and our region. I would like to thank Governor Cuomo and Empire State Development Corporation for their ongoing financial support to make this project possible.

Big Flats Town Supervisor Ed Fairbrother said, "Big Flats is proud to officially welcome Emhart Glass to Airport Corporate Park. It is an impressive facility. I applaud their commitment to staying in Chemung County and am grateful to the Governor and Empire State Development for helping to ensure that this incredibly successful company will continue to be a key player in our local economy."

For more information about Bucher Emhart Glass Manufacturing, Inc. click [here](#)

Accelerating Southern Tier Soaring

Today's announcement complements "Southern Tier Soaring the region's comprehensive blueprint to generate robust economic growth and community development. The State has already invested more than \$3.1 billion in the region since 2012 to lay for groundwork for the plan – attracting a talented workforce, growing business and driving innovation. Today, unemployment is down to the lowest levels since before the Great Recession; personal and corporate income taxes are down; and businesses are choosing places like Binghamton, Johnson City and Corning as a destination in which to grow and invest. Now, the region is accelerating Southern Tier Soaring with a \$500 million State investment through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative, announced by Governor Cuomo in December 2015. The State's \$500 million investment will incentivize private business to invest well over \$2.5 billion – and the region's plan, as submitted, projects up to 10,200 new jobs. More information is available [here](#).

Additionally, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced that the Elmira Corning Regional Airport was the recipient of \$40 million as part of the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition. Transforming Upstate airports into 21st century transportation hubs will ensure they generate opportunity for local businesses and the economy.

About Empire State Development

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency. 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: <http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov> and www.esd.ny.gov.

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