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**KOLMAR LABS GROUP TO INVEST \$23 MILLION IN NEW YORK STATE**

*Kolmar will retain 400 jobs at its Port Jervis location*

Empire State Development today announced that Kolmar Labs Group, a leading provider of outsourcing services including manufacturing, packaging, and product development to the North American health and beauty care and healthcare markets, will invest \$23 million in New York State. ESD is providing the manufacturer with \$4.5 million in working capital and machinery and equipment financing to help the company modernize and upgrade its Port Jervis facility. As a result the company will retain 400 full-time employees.

“For more than sixty-years Kolmar Labs has called Port Jervis home, so we are pleased that after months of negotiations, the company has chosen to reinvest in New York,” said Governor David A. Paterson. “I’d like to thank Empire State Development, the Office of Community Renewal, Senator Bonacic, Assemblywoman Gunther and the local partners whose successful efforts helped to retain Kolmar Labs and its 400 employees. Today’s announcement is a true triumph for the Port Jervis community.”

“This is great news for New York and the people of Port Jervis, where this manufacturer has been a valued member of the business community since 1943,” said Empire State Development Chairman & CEO Dennis M. Mullen. “Today’s announcement is the result of ongoing collaborative efforts to retain the community’s largest employer. I’d like to thank all involved including Governor Paterson, Joseph Rabito from the Office of Community Renewal, Senator Bonacic, Assemblywoman Gunther, and all our local partners – for their tireless commitment to the livelihoods of Port Jervis community. The upgrading of Kolmar’s manufacturing facility and their pledge to retain jobs in New York will no doubt foster sustainable growth in the Mid-Hudson for years to come.”

“We are pleased that Empire State Development – working together with our state legislators, the Mayor and Common Council, and Orange County – has provided our company with a comprehensive offer from all the parties that will enable us to stay in New York,” said Kolmar Labs Group Chairman Joseph Healy. “Without each of their individual efforts and contributions, we would have had no alternative but to relocate, despite having been in Port Jervis for 67 years. We look forward to finalizing the commitments from each party so that Kolmar can remain in Port Jervis for many decades to come.”

“Keeping jobs already in New York is priority one,” said Senator John Bonacic. “The news about Kolmar is wonderful and a tribute to their workforce, as well as good corporate decision making. There remains much to be done to make New York competitive again. However, today is good news for the Kolmar workforce, the City of Port Jervis, and our entire region.”

“I am so glad that the hard work of so many people over the past two years has brought us to today’s announcement,” said Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther. “The employees and community of Port Jervis have been calling me weekly for news concerning their future. Well, today we have that news and I am so thrilled that Kolmar will remain in Port Jervis! I am so grateful to the Governor and Dennis Mullen for hearing our concerns and working to keep Kolmar here.”

In addition to ESD funding, Kolmar will receive additional assistance from local partners and elected officials, including \$250,000 from Assemblywoman Gunther and \$250,000 from the Office of Community Renewal.

Established in 1921, Kolmar Labs Group is one of the premium contract manufacturers in the country. Through its Kolmar Laboratories subsidiary, located in Port Jervis, NY, the company manufactures cosmetics and personal care products, working with cosmetic brands both large and small. Kolmar works with top creative talent to anticipate marketplace trends and provide brand-specific formulations, and the Kolmar team of R&D experts is responsible for some of the top selling products in the marketplace today. Through its Acupac Packaging subsidiary in Mahwah, NJ, the company manufactures single-use consumer products such as dissolvable films, gels and packettes. Both Kolmar Laboratories and Acupac Packaging assist clients with the entire product development process from conceptualization and formulation to testing, packaging, and distribution.

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency, committed to being recognized on a global scale as the economic development engine driving job growth, strategic investment and prosperity in New York State. ESD is intent on paving the way for New York State to become the leader of the innovation economy and one of the most business friendly, productive and competitive economic development climates in the world. ESD also oversees the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information, visit [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov).

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