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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES COMPANY AND JOBS TO STAY IN ELBRIDGE

Tessy Plastics Has Decided to Expand at Elbridge Plant; Will Create 100 New Jobs

Governor George E. Pataki today announced that Tessy Plastics, Inc., a manufacturer of plastic parts, will construct a 60,000 square foot facility in addition to their 150,000 square foot facility in Elbridge, Onondaga County, instead of expanding their plant in Lynchburg, Virginia. The \$6 million project will retain all 393 existing jobs in Elbridge, and create an additional 100 jobs here.

"This exciting project will help create and retain hundreds of jobs in Onondaga County that would otherwise have gone to another State," said Governor Pataki. "By cutting burdensome taxes and regulations, we've created a positive environment for job creation and economic growth that is enabling more and more companies like Tessy Plastics to grow and prosper right here in Upstate New York. This announcement is great news for Onondaga County and we thank Tessy for their dedication to the Empire State."

Tessy Plastics, Inc. is a second-generation plastic injection molding company supplying plastic parts to big name companies such as Gillette, Duracell, Xerox and Welch Allyn. In addition to the Elbridge plant, Tessy Plastics operates plants in Lynchburg, Virginia and Shanghai, China.

Senator John DeFrancisco said, "I commend Governor George Pataki for his continuing efforts to create jobs in Central New York even in these difficult economic times. This commitment from the State will be a much needed boost for Central New York and the constituents in my district. I applaud Tessy Plastics for its dedication to industry and economic development in Central New York."

Assemblyman Will Barclay said, "I applaud Henry Beck and Tessy Plastics for their commitment to expand in Onondaga County and New York State. This expansion is another example of how New York, under the leadership of Governor Pataki, is continuing to partner with local businesses in an effort to help those businesses remain and prosper in our State."

Nicholas J. Pirro, Onondaga County Executive said, "I am extremely pleased to be able to join with Governor Pataki in announcing the second large expansion of the Tessy Plastics company in the last four years. The \$6 million investment and 100 new jobs are welcome news for the manufacturing sector of our county economy. I have committed the support of our Empire Zone program and our County Industrial Development Agency to the project and thank Henry Beck and his family for this new commitment to doing business in Onondaga County."

Roland Beck, President of Tessy Plastics, Inc. said, "I am personally extremely glad that we are able to expand in New York. The State has been very good to work with. They have been very responsive. In addition to the grant from the State, we are relying on Onondaga County Office of Economic Development to approve their promised financial assistance and tax credits."

Charles A. Gargano, Chairman of Empire State Development, said, "Governor Pataki's policies continue to show their positive mark on New York State's business community. Not only do we see companies choosing to stay in New York State, we see businesses expanding their plants and creating new jobs. I applaud the Governor's determination to create an even better State to live, work and prosper."

In consideration of the company's commitment to New York State, Tessy Plastics Inc. is eligible to apply to

Empire State Development for a \$400,000 Capital Grant to be used towards the purchase of new machinery and equipment.

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