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Amerimax Building Products Plans New Manufacturing Facility in Fort Wayne *Project Includes 64 New Jobs, \$6.4 Million Investment*

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (February 1, 2006) — Amerimax Building Products, Inc. has announced plans to establish a new manufacturing facility in Fort Wayne. Plano, Texas-based Amerimax plans to invest approximately \$6.4 million in capital and create 64 new jobs in Fort Wayne with the support and assistance of the state of Indiana through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and the city of Fort Wayne.

“Customer demand and needed product improvements within our industries is driving the establishment of our new Fort Wayne operation,” said Scott Anderson, president of Amerimax Building Products, Inc. “We chose this location for a number of reasons, including the size and skill level of the local workforce, the location and condition of the plant, and the right level of local and state assistance necessary to launch such a venture.”

The new production facility will manufacture products that complement existing product lines offered in existing markets (see below for more information on Amerimax). Production is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2006 at 5201 Investment Drive in a 100,000 sf facility formerly occupied by Tetra Pak Inc. The new jobs will be added now through 2008.

“Indiana is a good place to do business and Amerimax Building Products recognizes Hoosiers have much to offer,” said Michael S. Maurer, Indiana Secretary of Commerce and IEDC president. “This company already has a solid presence in Indiana and is upping its investments here. Reinvestment projects like these that create good-paying jobs for Hoosiers typify the strides we are making in growth throughout the state.”

The IEDC, the city of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance worked together to provide an incentive package that will assist Amerimax Building Products with the establishment and operation of the new facility. The economic development incentives offered by the IEDC include: approximately \$30,000 in training funds from the Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF) to train Indiana resident employees; up to \$240,000 over nine years in Hoosier Business Investment (HBI) Tax Credits; and, up to \$540,000 over ten years in Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credits.

The city of Fort Wayne will consider tax abatement for all eligible equipment purchases. In addition, the city will provide performance based grants of \$20,000 each over the next five years provided Amerimax Building Products, Inc. reaches its investment and employment goals as projected.

“We welcome Amerimax Building Products to our corporate community and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between the company and the community,” stated Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard.

Also assisting the project were building owners Jerry Henry and Walt Fuller (F&H Associates), building representatives Karl Behrens (BND Commercial Real Estate) and Todd Ramsey (RCI Development), and others associated with various aspects of the project.

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A job fair for individuals interested in exploring employment opportunities with Amerimax Building Products, Inc. will be held February 11. For information on the job fair contact Rita Bennett-Sheirbon (JobWorks) at 260.458.7136 or rsheirbon@jobworksinc.org.

About Amerimax Building Products, Inc.

Amerimax serves the entire United States with a wide range of product solutions. With 15 current production locations strategically placed across the country, Amerimax can meet customer demand on a timely basis. Existing plants are located in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Texas. Amerimax is currently opening two new West Coast distribution facilities for the professionally installed remodeler's market. The company is also focused on the development of its coating facilities to decrease lead time and offer customers new and enhanced coating solutions. As a major supplier of fabricated metals to OEMs, in-house paint lines provide Amerimax a distinct advantage over many competitors. Amerimax has been a leader in the building products industry for over 50 years by providing creative solutions for the quality and value conscious manufacturer. For more information, click on www.amerimaxbp.com.

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