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Governor Lee, Commissioner McWhorter Announce Vulcan Thermal to Establish Manufacturing Operations in Surgoinsville

- *Pennsylvania-based heat treatment company to expand operations to Northeast Tennessee*
- *Project represents a \$5 million investment in At-Risk Hawkins County*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter and Vulcan Thermal officials announced today the company will invest \$5 million to construct a new manufacturing facility at 390 Phipps Bend Road in Surgoinsville.

The expansion to Northeast Tennessee will create approximately 30 new jobs in Tier 4, At-Risk Hawkins County and position Vulcan Thermal in close proximity to a growing industry.

Vulcan Thermal, a subsidiary of EHT, Inc., will provide heat treating services to the metal industry. Founded in 1984, and headquartered in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, EHT provides heat treatment, steam treatment and vibratory finishing, as well as inspection, packaging and related services to major suppliers in the automotive and agricultural segments.

Upon completion of its 15,000-square-foot facility in Surgoinsville, the organization will employ nearly 100 people across Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Since 2020, TNECD has supported nearly 40 economic development projects in the Northeast Tennessee region, resulting in approximately 3,400 job commitments and \$1 billion in capital investment.

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“What happens in rural Tennessee matters to all Tennesseans. I thank Vulcan Thermal for bringing nearly thirty new, high-quality jobs and creating greater opportunity for families in Hawkins County.” – **Gov. Bill Lee**

“Vulcan Thermal’s decision to expand operations to Tennessee is reflective of our state’s strong business climate and skilled workforce. We welcome the company to Surgoinsville and



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look forward to the impact it will create for Tennesseans in Hawkins County." – **TNECD Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter**

"I am confident that Vulcan Thermal has chosen the best place to position for continued success. The cooperation from the state and local officials, as well as general support from the community, made the decision to invest in the Phipps Bend Industrial Park easy. We are excited to become one of the newest employers in Hawkins County and look forward to many years of growth." – **Benjamin Vrobel, president, Vulcan Thermal, LLC**

"TVA and Holston Electric Cooperative congratulate Vulcan Thermal on its decision to establish operations jobs in Hawkins County. Helping to attract and retain companies that create jobs and investment in the region is fundamental to TVA's mission of service. We are proud to partner with the Hawkins County Industrial Development Board, Networks Sullivan Partnership and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to further that mission and celebrate this announcement together." – **John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of economic development**

"Vulcan Thermal will be a great addition to the Phipps Bend Industrial Park in Hawkins County. The Hawkins County Industrial Development Board has worked tirelessly to bring them into the park and are to be commended for this win and several others they have in the works. Bringing jobs to the county is a top priority, and slowly but surely, we're making it happen. I look forward to their official opening and to see how Vulcan Thermal and Symmco work hand in hand to make another quality Hawkins County product." – **Hawkins County Mayor Mark DeWitte**

"We are pleased to welcome Vulcan Thermal to Hawkins County. Vulcan Thermal's decision to locate in Phipps Bend Industrial Park, adjacent to Symmco, reinforces our position that Hawkins County offers a quality workforce that industries want and need. Vulcan Thermal is the first company in East Tennessee that will be offering their special heat treatment process that Symmco needs. We feel Vulcan Thermal will be a great asset to our entire region by generating and encompassing more businesses that need this heat treatment process. We look forward to working with the company to ensure many prosperous years in Hawkins County." – **Larry Elkins, chairman, Hawkins County Industrial Development Board**

"Hawkins County is thrilled to have attracted Vulcan Thermal to our community. We are looking forward to working with the company toward a long and prosperous future." – **Sen. Jon Lundberg (R-Bristol)**

“It’s always great news to hear a company is moving to our region. Vulcan Thermal will bring more than two dozen jobs and be a great addition to Hawkins County’s thriving business community. I thank the company for choosing Northeast Tennessee and congratulate them on their success.” – **Rep. Gary Hicks (R-Rogersville)**

About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

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