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## PRESS RELEASE

### LONGWOOD INDUSTRIES EXPANDS OPERATIONS IN FAIRVIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK

WYTHEVILLE—Longwood Industries, Inc., is expanding its Wytheville, Virginia, operations. The company is a leading manufacturer of engineered rubber products. Longwood will add production capacity in the former PowerShot building in Fairview Industrial Park. As part of a restructuring of business units, the company is relocating consumer and ride control products to the Wytheville site. The expansion is expected to create approximately 35 new jobs and the addition of over \$1.2 M of production equipment to its Wytheville operations.

Longwood Industries president James Hartnett said, “Our experience in Wytheville has been very positive, and we are confident that the positive business environment and strong workforce there will help us succeed in this new venture.”

“As one of the long-standing anchors in our manufacturing community, we are always pleased to see growth at Longwood,” said Wytheville Mayor Trent Crewe. “We know that they are one of our preferred employers and look forward to their continued success in Wytheville.”

Founded in 1989, Longwood Industries, Inc., operates eight plants in the United States producing a range of products and technology to serve the automotive, food processing, industrial, oilfield, plumbing, electrical, medical, consumer, and pump markets. Products includes airbrake diaphragms, seals, bladders, couplings, custom molded products, extruded products, coated fabrics, and composite materials.

The Virginia Department of Business Assistance is assisting the expansion through its Workforce Services program.

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