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RIE Coatings Selects Dubuque as Location for Expansion

Dubuque, IA - RIE Coatings is announcing plans to open a new production facility in Dubuque with production slated to begin July 1, 2016. The company will hire 12-15 employees initially and occupy approximately 25,000 square feet of space at 5301 Chavenelle Road, Dubuque, Iowa. RIE Coatings provides specialty high performance coatings to companies within a variety of sectors including technology, agricultural, construction, aerospace, electronics, energy, industrial, automotive, marine, fastener, and military industries. At their Dubuque facility, the company will be supplying coatings to customers throughout Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

"We are excited to have Dubuque as our new production facility. As our second satellite location, Dubuque fully supports our overall growth strategy in multiple ways. Establishing satellite facilities near our customers allows us to offer more efficient and effective service to our current customers along with the ability to support new customers in the Dubuque area," said Mark Rigby, Chief Executive Officer of RIE Coatings.

"Within the Greater Dubuque area, we have received feedback from existing metal fabrication companies that there is a substantial need for a company that provides specialty coatings," said Mark Seckman, Vice President of National Marketing for Greater Dubuque Development. "This need from local industry, combined with Dubuque's access to additional markets, made this opportunity a win-win for RIE Coatings and our community," added Seckman.

For Greater Dubuque Development, collaboration with local partners was essential to make this project a reality. Working with Hodge Company who made the capital improvements to the facility, the City of Dubuque who assisted with the permitting process, and Northeast Iowa Community College to administer employee training through the Iowa New Jobs Training Program assured the company that Dubuque was the right location for their expansion.

Headquartered in Eden Valley, Minnesota, RIE Coatings has grown into an industry leader in North America as well in overseas markets. The company applies environmentally-friendly coatings to insure protection and performance on a variety of materials including magnesium, magnets, steel, aluminum, copper, stainless steel, and composites.