

Alexander County EDC *News Release*

621 Liledoun Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: David Icenhour
Phone: 828-632-1161
dicenhour@alexandercountync.gov

Groundbreaking conducted for Paragon Films expansion project

Paragon Films, a manufacturer of plastic stretch film, has announced their intentions to expand their facility located in the Alexander Industrial Park. Expansion plans include the construction of over 60,000 sqft of manufacturing and warehouse space, the addition of new operation lines, and the construction of additional raw material silos. The new investment in the county will exceed \$10 million.

Paragon Films became the first company to locate in the Alexander Industrial Park in 2005 when they purchased a 40,000 sqft speculative building constructed by GL Wilson Building Company. Since then, they have seen demand for their product continues to grow, leading to the need to expand their manufacturing capacity. Paragon Films serves customers in all 50 states as well as a number of international locations.

Company and Governmental officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion on December 18, 2009. Speakers at the ceremony included the President and CEO of Paragon Films Mike Baab, Paragon Films' Alexander County Plant Manager Scott King, US Congresswoman Virginia Fox, NC House Representative Ray Warren, Alexander County Commissioner Darrell Robertson, and Alexander County Economic Development Corporation David Icenhour.

Paragon Films was founded in 1988 and is headquartered in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Since their initial move to Alexander County, Paragon Films has been a strong supporter of the local community. More information on Paragon Films and their products can be found on their website www.paragon-films.com.



Pictured above from left to right: David Icenhour, Alexander County EDC Director Julie Thornton, VP of Human Resources Gregg Smith, VP of Sales Robert Cochlin, VP of Operations Mike Whitten, Purchasing Director Rep. Ray Warren, NC House of Representatives Congresswoman Virginia Fox, US Congress Mike Baab, President & CEO Scott King, Plant Manager Benjamin Zachary, President & General Manager, Alexander Railroad Company Darrell Robertson, Alexander County Commissioner Bob Palmes, VP of Business Development, GL Wilson Building Company