Hamilton Drywall Products has purchased a 98,000 square foot production facility in Monroe's historic Sutton Park. The company, a subsidiary of Orange, California's WestPac, will invest approximately $5,000,000 in building renovations and new equipment that will enable it to produce a variety of drywall finishing products. Approximately 34 new jobs are expected to be created with plans to continue to grow the workforce in the future.

Hamilton Drywall Products is a family-owned business with operations in multiple states around the country. It manufactures a varied collection of compounds, textures, and metal trims that are distributed through dealers and national retailers. From installation to fi-nish, professional contractors and DIYers choose the company's innovative formulas and products to meet the needs of their interior -finishing projects. The company's new manufacturing facility will serve the company's growing customer base in the eastern United States.

"We look forward to establishing a permanent base of operations in North Carolina and having a positive impact on the Monroe community," said Mark Hamilton, General Manager of Hamilton Drywall Products. "We are thankful for the state and local support for this project and are excited to invest not only in future growth, but also in the people of Union County."

Mark Hamilton, President of Hamilton Drywall, will remain in California, while his son Nathan has moved to the Charlotte area to oversee the new east coast operation.

The Union County Board of Commissioners demonstrated its commitment to the project at its October 5, 2020 meeting by approving a "STEP 2" economic development incentive grant not to exceed $115,000 in total, paid in five annual payments.

"We are so glad that Hamilton Drywall has decided to make Union County its new East Coast home," said Jerry Simpson, Chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners. "Creating a business-friendly environment, where companies can focus on their productivity, quality and stewardship to the community is important to the Board."

Monroe City Council, at its October 6, 2020 meeting, also approved an economic development incentive grant in an amount not to exceed $115,000.

“Hamilton Drywall is a great addition to the Sutton Park area of Monroe,” said Mayor Bobby G. Kilgore. “This area is the traditional manufacturing area of our City, with robust utilities and a reliable workforce. It proves again to be a magnet for fine manufacturing companies like Hamilton Drywall and the anchor of the local economy.”

Union County and the City of Monroe are appreciative of assistance from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, which enabled the community to secure a performance-based grant of $50,000 from the One North Carolina Fund to help facilitate Hamilton Drywall Product’s relocation.

“North Carolina’s convenient proximity to lucrative consumer markets helps connect companies like Hamilton Drywall to their strategic goals,” said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland. “Congratulations to the company and its employees on the success that has led to this signifi-cant expansion.” lon.co