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### **Plumbing Supplier to Increase Manufacturing Footprint with \$13 Million Investment in Thomasville**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – BrassCraft Manufacturing Company, leading provider of rough plumbing products, will create nearly 100 new jobs in Davidson County, Governor Roy Cooper announced today. The company will invest more than \$13 million to expand its manufacturing operations in the City of Thomasville.

“This expansion by BrassCraft is a great vote of confidence for North Carolina’s economy,” said Governor Cooper. “The company has seen success in Davidson County and understands the value of our workforce, quality of life and central location that support its global reputation.”

Founded in 1946, BrassCraft Manufacturing Company is a leader in the design, manufacture, and distribution of rough plumbing products for new construction and repair and remodel markets. The company’s portfolio includes water stops, gas connectors, water connectors/supply lines, water heater connectors, drain cleaning products, and plumbing hand tools that are sold in wholesale and retail locations across the United States. Its flagship BrassCraft® brand is widely recognized among professionals for quality. Expansion of the Thomasville location will increase the company’s local manufacturing footprint to 157,000 square feet of production space.

“The Thomasville team is critical to delivering the quality and craftsmanship that plumbers and contractors have come to expect from BrassCraft products,” said Tom Assante, President, BrassCraft Manufacturing Company. “Expansion of this facility is an investment in our people, our brand and US manufacturing.”

“North Carolina’s greatest asset to growing companies is our people,” said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. “We remain committed to creative workforce training systems and partnerships that will offer the talent and innovation that companies like BrassCraft need to execute their growth strategies.”

The company’s new positions include assembly personnel, engineers, management and support staff, at varying wages, and will have a significant positive impact on the community, creating a potential payroll impact of more than \$4.5 million per year. Davidson County’s overall average annual wage is \$42,274.

A performance-based grant of \$200,000 from the One North Carolina Fund will help with BrassCraft’s expansion in North Carolina. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance to local governments to help attract economic investment and to create jobs. Companies receive no money upfront and must

meet job creation and capital investment targets to qualify for payment. All One NC grants require a matching grant from local governments and any award is contingent upon that condition being met.

“This is outstanding news for Davidson County,” said N.C. Representative Sam Watford. “BrassCraft has been a great corporate citizen for more than 60 years and we’re ready to support their operations for many years to come.”

“Congratulations to BrassCraft on this exciting expansion,” said N.C. Senator Steve Jarvis. “The company’s continued investment in our community is a testament to the talent, innovation and growth potential of our manufacturing region.”

Joining the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina were key partners in the project that included the North Carolina Community College System, Davidson-Davie Community College, Davidson County, Davidson County Economic Development Commission and City of Thomasville.

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