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INTERSTATE BUSINESS PARK POISED FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

Mocksville, NC – November 17, 2009 – It's hard to miss all the construction activity along Interstate Drive across from the Walmart Shopping Center. The Interstate Business Park is clearly bucking the economic trends as it continues to grow with the addition of two new businesses under construction. Sherwin Williams Paint Store will be located at the corner of Interstate Drive and Highway 601 and is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2010. The second building is an outpatient dialysis center for Wake Forest University Health Sciences and it slated for a spring, 2010 opening.

"It's rewarding to see all this activity along Interstate Drive, but developing the business park did not happen by accident. Development of the area alongside I-40 and Highway 601 was a long term, deliberate plan to transform a bean field into a business corridor that would attract good companies to Davie County." said Bill Junker, of Trailers of the East Coast, one of the first companies to locate on Interstate Drive. The business park represents the collaborative efforts of state and local governments as well as local land and business owners. The vision involved acquiring a few key properties and relocating Blaise Church Road to create a new controlled access point to Interstate Drive across from the Walmart Shopping Center intersection. Fast forward about a decade and the results of that vision are apparent: hundreds of acres are now accessible for development and the business park is clearly established and poised for growth.

Even in these tough economic times, Interstate Drive is proving to be a desirable location for businesses with more growth in the works. In addition to the two new businesses under construction, a feasibility study is underway to evaluate approximately 100 acres to develop a separate business park offering lots to accommodate buildings from 5,000 to 50,000 square feet. These spaces will fill a gap that currently exists in Davie County. "We have had numerous inquiries from businesses looking for buildings within the 5,000 to 50,000 square foot range and we simply don't have that type of product available. Developing a business park to meet these specific site needs will allow us to accommodate prospective industries looking to establish in Davie County". said Terry Bralley, President of the Davie County Economic Development Commission.

Davie County is fortunate to be strategically located in a major transportation corridor including I-40, I-85 & I-77 offering businesses unparalleled goods-to-market accessibility. Prime location and accessibility are two key factors in selecting a new business sites. Interstate Business Park is very well

positioned to attract new businesses and industries over many other communities competing in the economic development arena. With several tracts still available to accommodate companies of various sizes and needs, Davie County will continue to see more quality facilities locating along Interstate Drive.

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