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GGI to take Richmond County's Second Shell Building

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(Rockingham) - General Glass International Corp., of New Rochelle, NY, announced today that they will purchase the Richmond County Shell Building, a 40,000 square facility that was erected earlier this year as a tool to attract industry. General Glass International Corp. is the second company to purchase a shell building from the county in the past two years. SEM Products, an aerosol paint manufacturer purchased a similar building in 1997.

General Glass International will invest \$1.5 million in the project and will initially employ 44 people. The company produces glass products for domestic and international use.

"Our shell building program is paying huge dividends to the people of Richmond County," Richmond County Economic Development Director Mark Young said. "I would like to thank everyone who participated in helping this project come to fruition, especially North Carolina's Southeast, our regional economic development marketing partner."

North Carolina's Southeast, a regional economic development organization, helped seal the deal with General Glass International by providing a grant of \$25,000 to assist the company with relocation expenses. Since its inception in 1994, NCSE has helped to bring over 2,000 new jobs to its 11-county region with the projects involved producing investments of over \$100 million.

"We are pleased to be a part of this great project," NCSE Marketing Manager Jeff Newsome said. "General Glass International will be a great addition to the growing number of firms that call southeastern North Carolina home."

NCSE markets over 50 industrial properties and 22 industrial sites on its Internet Webpage at www.ncse.org

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