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**NAPKIN MANUFACTURER ANNOUNCES EXPANSION AND MOVE TO NEW LOCATION ON 2500 AIRPORT ROAD IN KINSTON ON FEB. 20TH.**

KINSTON, NC – Senator Richard Burr will announce that Best Diamond Packaging, LLC, a paper products manufacturing company, will be moving from its present location at 1447 Enterprise Blvd. to its new larger location at 2500 Airport Road at a luncheon sponsored by the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce and hosted by Select Foodservice at 1257 Enterprise Blvd., Kinston, NC, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on February 20, 2009. Invited guests include city, county, and state officials, local business leaders, civic organizations, corporate representatives of key customers, local franchise-owners as well as local and national media.

This announcement highlights the company's continued growth and expansion in the Kinston area. For over five years, the company has been a part of Lenoir County's business community and this move solidifies its commitment to remain in Eastern North Carolina, providing jobs and expanding its operations.

From its humble beginnings in 2003, Best Diamond Packaging has shown continued growth in as evidenced by its increased investment in equipment and creation of new jobs for residents of Kinston and the surrounding cities and towns. The company began with 10 employees and now employees over 40 full-time employees. They began operations using 25,000 square feet of manufacturing space and now the company will move into a 210,000 sq. ft. facility on 2500 Airport Road. They began with one napkin machine and now operate five machines with immediate plans for continued growth and expansion.

In 2003, Best Diamond Packaging LLC was formed when BTB Holdings partnered with Dopaco, Inc., a national manufacturing company with headquarters in Exton, PA. Dopaco is a major manufacturer and employer in the quick service restaurant category with sales exceeding \$400 million. BTB Holdings, a minority-owned company which owns a majority stake in Best Diamond, is comprised of two partners, Kevin E. Thorne and Robert M. Beavers, Jr. Mr. Thorne serves as President and a member of the company's board of directors. He is responsible for managing the company's day-to-day operations. Mr. Beavers, a 40-year veteran of the quick service industry, is managing partner of BTB Holdings and serves on the board of directors for Best Diamond.

“We are very proud of our accomplishments to date and look forward to continued growth and expansion in the future. We're especially pleased that our presence in Lenoir County has helped to create desperately needed jobs in an area that seen a significant number of companies close their doors. I especially want to thank the city of Kinston, Lenoir County and the state for

assisting us in making this move by providing tax credits and other incentives. This package is a strong demonstration of the partnership that exists between Best Diamond and local and state government to build strong businesses in this community.” Mr. Thorne said.

Best Diamond Packaging, LLC a minority-owned business, is a manufacturer of paper napkins and packaging products for the quick-service restaurant and casual dining industry. Best Diamond’s major customers include McDonald’s and Burger King.

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