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Norcom Expands

GRIFFIN, GEORGIA... It was announced today by Norcom Inc. President Hal Rahn the purchase of a state of the art wire bound notebook machine. The machine cost \$7,000,000 and is currently being built in Germany by the manufacturer. The new machine will be installed this fall in Norcom's Griffin, GA manufacturing facility located in the Green Valley Industrial Park. Rahn said, "this machine will provide Norcom with the ability to manufacture value added notebooks at a cost level that will continue to keep the Griffin operation as one of the world's most competitive." Rahn added, "we have continued to work closely with the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, and the process has been beneficial for the community and the Company." The Authority just recently assisted Norcom in the completion of another project providing a rail siding to the Wilson Road facility. This project provided additional capital investment as well as over 60 new jobs.

Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Chair Chuck Copeland responded, "we are particularly excited to participate with Norcom in this important plant expansion. Hal Rahn and Norcom have not only been a great employer for our community, but their involvement with our local school system in providing free school supplies to our teachers and students have made them a leading corporate partner. Norcom is a tremendous example of the trend we are seeing in our country of retailers supporting 'Made in America' manufacturing." GSDA Executive Director David M. Luckie added, "we are thrilled to continue to work with Norcom in its many avenues of expansion and growth and look forward to many more. They certainly impact our community in an extremely positive way."

Norcom Inc. is one of the world's largest manufacturers of commodity school supplies such as notebook paper, wire bound notebooks, and marble composition books. 85% of Norcom's sales are produced in the Griffin facility. Rahn also pointed out that Norcom is the only large school supply manufacturer that requires all of their paper components be certified by a third party as coming from a sustainable forest.

Norcom has a strong presence in the Griffin-Spalding community with a 300,000 square foot manufacturing/distribution facility located in Green Valley Industrial Park. The 200,000 square foot headquarters/warehouse facility on Wilson Road is in the Griffin-Spalding Industrial Park. This machine project is the sixth project/expansion since the Company established operations in Griffin.

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