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"EIT announces plans to expand in Danville"

Danville – EIT, LLC (<u>www.eit.com</u>) announced plans today for a major expansion project, which will result in the construction of a second facility and the addition of 50 new jobs. The 60,000 square-foot facility will be located on the corner of Slayton Avenue and Stinson Drive in the regional Cyber Park.

EIT is a privately owned company that was founded by Joe T. May in 1977 and is headquartered in Sterling, Virginia. The company provides full service contract electronic design and manufacturing services. EIT opened its first Danville operation on River Park Drive in 2005 and currently employs nearly 100 people. With the addition of this new facility, EIT will have more than 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space in Danville, which will help to better serve its existing customer base, as well as meet the needs of any new clients.

Joe May, chairman and founder of EIT and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, commented, "EIT has enjoyed success in Danville. Our business continues to grow and change, and this expansion in the Cyber Park, will allow us to serve our customers even better."

When asked to comment about this expansion, Sherman Saunders, chairman of the Danville Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority (RIFA) and mayor of the city of Danville, stated, "We are so proud to have one of our existing businesses make the decision to expand and invest in our region. This announcement proves that EIT believes in the workforce and economic development efforts of the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County."

Tim Barber, chairman of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors added, "The expansion of EIT in the Cyber Park is great news for our community. I am very pleased to see the efforts made at all levels to make this project possible. This is truly an example of teamwork."

"With this expansion announcement, Southern Virginia continues its economic rebound," said Governor Bob McDonnell. "EIT has thrived in Danville since 2005, and this project will create 50 jobs. The Commonwealth values its corporate partners, and I thank Delegate May and EIT for their commitment to Danville and Virginia."

EIT is a self-funded, privately owned company and did not receive Tobacco Commission or State funds for this project.

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