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Natural and organic food producer moving to Danville

DANVILLE, Va. – Sky Valley Foods, a North Carolina-based maker of natural and organic sauces and salad dressings, announced today that it is relocating to Airside Industrial Park in Danville, where the company expects to expand its business and add new product lines.

The new location at 145 Cane Creek Blvd., formerly occupied by Amcor Tobacco Packaging and Shorewood Packaging Corp., will provide added space for expansion.

"This project brings a wonderful addition of new jobs to our region," Mayor Sherman Saunders said. "We have a major food processing company just down the street, and now a second food processor joins Nestle in Airside Industrial Park. Sky Valley Foods will be a significant contributor to our local economy, and I welcome them with a hungry appetite."

The company produces salad dressings and specialty sauces, including condiments, marinades, salsa and pasta sauce, for the natural and organic food consumer. Its branded products are Bella's, Organicville, Sky Valley and Simply Delicious.

Sky Valley Foods formed in early 2011 with the merger of Wizard's Cauldron of Yanceyville, N.C., and Organicville Foods of Milwaukee. Prior to the merger, the two companies shared a history that spanned more than 25 years as organic and natural food producers.

Production at the 132,000 square-foot facility in Airside Industrial Park will begin by late fall. The company will employ 60 workers when production here begins. It intends to have 100 workers on its payroll by the end of 2015.

The relocation not only will bring jobs to Danville, but it will put into use a facility that has been idle since Amcor closed in April of 2013. The Industrial Development Authority of Danville purchased the site and entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Sky Valley Foods. The project does not use incentive funds from state agencies, but the City of Danville is providing \$100,000 to defray the cost of installing floor drains throughout the building to provide sanitary conditions required for food processing.