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## **DURA-LINE TO OPEN NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY AND R&D CENTER IN CLINTON** *Energy and Infrastructure Products Manufacturer to Invest Over \$25 Million, Create 70 New Jobs*

**NASHVILLE** — Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd along with Dura-Line officials announced today the company will open a new manufacturing facility and research and development center in Clinton. The communication and energy infrastructure manufacturer will invest over \$25 million and create 70 new jobs in Anderson County. Those jobs will include engineering, research and development and manufacturing jobs.

"I want to thank Dura-Line for choosing to open a new facility in Anderson County," Boyd said. "When companies choose to grow their business in our state, it reinforces our commitment to aligning the training and education of Tennessee's workforce with specialized job opportunities for employers like Dura-Line. It is rewarding to see Dura-Line's continued success and growth."

The 86,800 square foot Clinton facility will function as an R&D center for new techniques for making high-density polyethylene (HDPE) conduit products used by the telecommunications industry to house fiber optic cable. Dura-Line will conduct research and development that will help the company grow its business worldwide and will also manufacture select high technology products at the Clinton location.

"New products, techniques and materials developed at the Clinton facility will be cascaded to the Dura-Line manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and overseas," Dura-Line CEO Paresh Chari said. "Dura-Line's headquarters have been in Knoxville since 1982 and we're thrilled to expand our East Tennessee footprint and tap into the skilled local workforce to operate this unique facility."

Dura-Line is the leading international manufacturer and distributor of communication and energy infrastructure products and systems including conduit, cable-in-conduit, pipe and accessories. Dura-Line products provide for protection and fast, safe installation of communication networks, power cables and pressure pipe for a wide array of markets. The company has 20 manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Mexico, India, Oman, Europe and South Africa.



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“As the importance and necessity of telecommunications only continues to grow, we are excited to welcome a visionary company like Dura-Line to Anderson County and are enthusiastic about their plans for further research and development here,” Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank said. “We are thankful for the entire Dura-Line team, Governor Haslam, Commissioner Boyd, TVA and the efforts of our local economic development team.”

“Dura-Line is a great addition to our global manufacturing industrial base in Clinton,” Clinton Mayor Scott Burton said. “Dura-Line has tremendous growth potential in the telecommunications industry and we look forward to helping them be successful in Clinton. I want to thank the state of Tennessee and TVA for their assistance on this project.”

“TVA and Clinton Utilities Board congratulate and welcome Dura-Line to Clinton, Tennessee,” TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley said. “We are excited to partner with Anderson County Economic Development Association, the city of Clinton and Anderson County, and the state of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to help companies create new jobs in the community.”

Dura-Line is now looking to fill positions. Those interested can apply in person Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 1355 Carden Farm Drive in Clinton.

Clinton and Anderson County are represented by Sen. Randy McNally (R - Oak Ridge), Rep. John Ragan (R - Oak Ridge) and Rep. Dennis Powers (R - Jacksboro) in the Tennessee General Assembly.

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