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Armeton Establishes New Production Facility in Bellevue

Bellevue, Ohio – April 4, 2026 – The Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation announced that Armeton, a leading global manufacturer of concrete counterweights, has successfully relocated and established its new production facility in Bellevue, Ohio. The move to an 81,000-square-foot building at 111 Hirt Drive is a significant \$5 million capital investment in Sandusky County, retaining 37 existing jobs and creating 4 new positions, bringing Armeton's Bellevue workforce to approximately 41 employees.

Headquartered in Dubai, Armeton manufactures precision-engineered concrete counterweights for the global home appliance industry, specializing in producing critical components that serve various major home appliance manufacturers' locations from its Ohio facility. This strategic relocation from Norwalk is driven by a new company focus to move away from rented facilities and to invest long-term as a token of confidence in the region. The new Bellevue facility is expected to be in full production by the close of April 2026.

"We are excited to welcome Armeton to their new facility in Bellevue," said Beth Hannam, Executive Director of the SCEDC. "This project is a great addition to Bellevue and Sandusky County, creating new opportunities for residents, along with a substantial investment in our local economy. We appreciate Armeton's confidence in our community and their commitment to growing here."

The City of Bellevue shares this enthusiasm. Dave Sabo, Economic Development Director for the City of Bellevue, commented, "We are pleased that Armeton has chosen Bellevue to continue and expand their manufacturing presence in the region. Their investment speaks to the strength of our local workforce and the advantages Bellevue offers manufacturers looking for strategic growth opportunities."

The decision to choose Bellevue was driven by strategic advantages. "Relocating to Bellevue was a clear choice for Armeton," stated Arion Habestor, Founder & CEO of Armeton Group. "The new location is exceptionally well-placed strategically for the our key customer facilities we serve. This owned facility will also drastically increase the efficiency of our operational process, allowing for an optimal setup of our equipment. We've invested significantly, with the substantial majority of our machinery and equipment at the new site being new and upgraded."

Habestor also praised the collaborative support received during the transition. "The Sandusky County Economic Development, City of Bellevue, Regional Growth Partnership (RGP), and JobsOhio teams have been outstanding throughout this project. From recommendations for local contractors to advice on local regulations, and even just a friendly welcome, I cannot recommend the team enough. A special mention goes to Dave Sabo, who has always been available and gone above and beyond for our local team and this project."

This significant investment by Armeton not only strengthens the manufacturing sector in Sandusky County but also highlights the success of collaborative economic development efforts. The SCEDC and its partners look forward to Armeton's continued growth and positive impact on the region's economy and workforce.

About SCEDC: The Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to workforce development, business retention and expansion, and business recruitment for Sandusky County. Our mission is to enhance the economic well-being of all residents and businesses within the county.