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Piqua, OH – March 8, 2012 – Hartzell Air Movement broke ground on a construction project that will allow the production of fans with centrifugal wheel widths of up to 89” in all materials of construction. This project, known as the High Bay Project, will add 30,000 sq. ft. of high technology industrial manufacturing space to Hartzell’s Piqua operations and will feature a 23-foot under hook crane height and a new 30’ x 30’ sand blast room. In addition, the new manufacturing space will provide four additional 10 ton cranes for the movement of very large fans.

Hartzell’s Chief Financial Officer, Michael Bardo, stated, “This project is partially funded by tax credits through the State of Ohio. With the addition of the larger manufacturing space, Hartzell expects to add 50 jobs to its Air Movement Division over the next five years.” Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bannister adds, “This project will allow Hartzell to help meet the growing demand for large, industrial fans, particularly for semi-conductor manufacturers, mining, heavy industry, wastewater, etc.”

“The City of Piqua and Grow Piqua Now are very excited to see this project come to fruition,” said Bill Murphy, Executive Director of Grow Piqua Now. Adding, “I believe this investment is one more example of the confidence our businesses have in our community as great place to do live, work, and invest.”

The ground breaking ceremony was attended by the State Senator Bill Beagle, State Representative Richard Adams, Frank DeBrosse, Field Representative for Congressman John Boehner, Piqua Mayor Lucy Fess and other city officials, representatives from the Dayton Development Coalition, and Hartzell Board Members and executives.

Hartzell Air Movement pioneered the production of the propeller fan and today is a leading manufacturer of industrial fans and blowers with offices in Piqua, Ohio, and Singapore and manufacturing plants in Piqua; Portland, Indiana; and Singapore. They specialize in providing custom centrifugal and axial fans and engineered solutions in their core markets.

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