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Bonded Logistics expands operations, surpasses 2 million sq. ft. milestone

3PL opens three facilities in three cities to broaden footprint to 14 locations across North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, NC (May 3, 2016) – Bonded Logistics, a full service third party logistics (3PL) provider, continues to expand its operations with the opening of three facilities in the first quarter of 2016. As a result, the Charlotte-based company increased its footprint in North Carolina to 14 locations and surpassed two million sq. ft. of facility space.

"We've had a great start to 2016," stated Scott Carr, President of the privately-owned supply chain management company. "Opening three facilities in such a short period of time was a major undertaking, especially when they were in different locations with their own unique sets of challenges. The success of this accomplishment is due to the great group of people we have working here at Bonded."

The first of the three locations to open was a 134,000 sq. ft. facility in Belmont, NC, at the beginning of the year. A public warehousing space with 16 loading docks and 28 foot ceilings leased by Bonded Logistics, it's primary purpose was to help a current customer in the food service and packaging industry consolidate an inventory of finished goods that had spread across a number of facilities.

"The business with this client had grown significantly and it made sense to bring everything under one roof," said Sean Kelley, VP of Business Development for Bonded Logistics. "The transition was smooth and easy, and we were even able to get them close to the Interstate 85 corridor to reduce transit times."

The second to open was a brand new 134,000 sq. ft. dedicated facility in Mebane, NC in March. Working in partnership with a new client, an automotive parts manufacturer, Bonded was responsible for oversight of the construction and is now in charge of overall operations. The location, which has 22 loading docks and 26 employees, aggregates materials from nearby manufacturing facilities to provide manufacturing support for a third facility that produces finished goods.

The most recent location is a 200,000 sq. ft. dedicated facility in Newton, NC, for the same new client. With 28 dock doors and a staff of 45, Bonded won an RFQ to handle operations of the facility that provides plant and manufacturing support for a separate unit of business.

"We are honored by our client's decision to commit to us and are fully focused on their needs," added Carr, who's been at the helm of Bonded since 2002. "It says something about our investment in technology as well as our commitment to providing great customer service. Our customers definitely see the value and know they can rely on us for supply chain excellence. We continue to be excited about future growth."

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About Bonded Logistics

Bonded Logistics is a privately owned third party logistics (3PL) provider based in Charlotte, N.C. Integrating warehousing, contract packaging, and transportation, Bonded offers a single-source supply chain solution to their broad customer base. Since 1972, Bonded Logistics has been committed to providing its clients with customized, innovative, and superior solution-based logistics services. For more information, please visit <u>www.bondedlogistics.com</u>.