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### Packaging Products Manufacturer to Site Distribution Operations in Kentland

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**KENTLAND, Ind.** (January 18, 2009) - Vector USA, Inc., a manufacturer of flexible packaging products for the food industry, announced today that it will establish a distribution operation here, creating up to 50 new jobs by 2010.

The company will invest approximately \$2.9 million to lease and equip space in the northwest Indiana city. Vector will centralize its operations from facilities in New York, Ohio, Florida and Illinois in Kentland with plans to be at full operation by the middle of 2010.

"Companies all over the country are choosing Indiana as the right place to centralize and more efficiently run their businesses," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "We know Vector could have chosen another city and state for this expansion project, but this decision represents a vote of confidence in Indiana's business climate and the quality work force in Kentland."

Vector, which will initially move distribution operations to Kentland, plans to begin hiring manufacturing associates and warehouse staff immediately as operations are phased in at the facility.

"We chose to locate our facility in northwest Indiana for the central location to our broad customer base and the strong manufacturing work force in the area," said Rick Heyde, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Vector USA. "While establishing a central location was a key element for Vector USA; the state, county and local officials were able to provide a package that convinced us to select Kentland for our facility."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Vector USA up to \$370,000 in performance-based tax credits and \$40,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The town of Kentland will consider additional property tax abatement.

"The town of Kentland is very pleased that Vector USA, made Kentland their choice in site location for their new distribution operation," said Dave Smart, Kentland Town Council president. "We believe they will be a great corporate citizen and we are excited at the opportunity to be working with them. The team efforts of our board, the Newton County

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