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Hardide Coatings Gets Connected in Henry County

In January 2015, [Hardide Coatings, Inc.](#), a U.K.-based advanced tungsten carbide-based surface coatings manufacturer, announced its investment of \$7.25 million to establish its first Virginia operation in Henry County that will create 29 new high-paying jobs.

Hardide's decision to locate in Southern Virginia resulted, in part, from Governor McAuliffe's meeting with company officials during the 2014 Farnborough International Airshow. Philip Kirkham, CEO of Hardide Coatings noted that Henry County and supporting organizations "is a community that supports advanced manufacturing and will provide us with an environment from which we can grow our existing and projected customer base in North America. I have been particularly impressed with the way all the different parties and agencies involved have worked together and coordinated their activities to give us every possible assistance in making this important decision for Hardide."

"We're delighted that our open-access fiber optic network played an important role in this announcement," said Tad Deriso, President & CEO of Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corporation. "Hardide will be able to connect their new location in Martinsville-Henry County to their network provider in the U.K., offering a cost-effective, robust and scalable broadband solution to support their operations."