



Canadian hose maker DeeTag plans move to site in Cumberland Valley Business Park

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A Canada-based manufacturer of hydraulic hose assemblies plans to build a manufacturing facility in Chambersburg.

DeeTag Ltd., headquartered in London, Ontario, hopes to break ground this spring for a new building in the Cumberland Valley Business Park, according to company President Dean Gordon.

Their products are used by manufacturers of construction equipment, road machinery and off-road cranes.

The company did a lot of business with Volvo Construction Equipment, which announced in September 2008 it was closing its facility in Goderich, Ontario, and relocating some work to Shippensburg.

The Franklin County Area Development Corp. began working with DeeTag earlier this year to identify possible building sites, according to FCADC President L. Michael Ross.

Land development plans are currently under review by Greene Township, Ross said.

The company wants to build at Opportunity and Coffey avenues, near Tilman Dump Trailers' new 35,000-square-foot building.

"We're very excited about the opportunity it affords for them and the county," Ross said. "There have been a number of decisions that have taken place this year that really portend well, especially in the second half of 2010 and 2011."

Gordon said the company plans to lease the land with the right to purchase.

"Our intent is to buy," he said.

Under ideal economic conditions, Gordon said the new plant near Chambersburg would employ about 20 people.

DeeTag has been in business since 1982 and operates out of three facilities London, Mississauga and Windsor, Ontario. Gordon said all three sites will remain open.

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