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C & J Clark America, Inc. Expands Presence in Foreign-Trade Zone 147

YORK, PA – December 6, 2010 - The Partnership for Economic Development of York County (PEDYC) and The Foreign-Trade Zone of Southern Pennsylvania (FTZSP) recently approved an addendum to the existing FTZ Operator Agreement with C & J Clark America, Inc. (operating as Clarks Companies North America) to include the addition of leased space located at 26 Barnhart Drive, Hanover, Pennsylvania. The additional space will allow Clarks Companies to meet current growth demands as well as future expansion.

Clarks Companies North America is a subsidiary of C&J Clark LTD UK, which is one of the largest and most respected footwear companies in the world. “The North American operation has seen a significant and sudden turnaround in its business this year and will generate record revenue and profits. This growth has put significant pressures on the capacities of the Hanover Logistics Center and has resulted in the need to expand operations beyond our current footprint. The additional space at 26 Barnhart will enable us to continue to provide the level of customer service that has driven our current

growth. We would like to thank PEDYC for their timely approval of this facility, which allows us to continue to realize the competitive and financial benefits offered by the Foreign Trade Zone Program,” stated George Neiman, Director of Finance for Shared Services, Clarks Companies, NA.

The Foreign-Trade Zones Program was created by the Federal Government in the 1930’s, and is an important aspect of U.S. Trade Policy today. Its purpose is to facilitate trade and increase the global competitiveness of U.S. based companies. Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) are secured areas located in or near U.S. Customs ports of entry, but legally considered to be outside the Customs territory. Certain types of merchandise can be imported into a zone without going through formal Customs entry procedures or paying import duties. Foreign-Trade Zone 147 (FTZ 147) is a regional economic development project that encompasses the counties of Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York. FTZ 147 is operated by the Berks Economic Partnership and the Partnership for Economic Development of York County.

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