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City Officials Attend Unifi’s Grand Opening of Bottle Processing Center

Reidsville elected officials and City staff attended the grand opening of Unifi’s Repeve Bottle Processing Center Sept. 7.

Special guest NC Governor Pat McCrory gave the keynote address at the celebration, after which Unifi officials gave tours of the state-of-the-art facility.

Also making remarks were Reidsville Mayor Jay Donecker, Rockingham County Commissioner Mark Richardson and Unifi officials Tim Cole, Vice President of Manufacturing; Jay Hertwig, Vice President of Global Brand Sales, Marketing & Product Development; and Tom Caudle, President.

Mayor Donecker also presented a canvas showing an aerial shot of the Unifi plant on Vance Street Extension to Unifi officials, Governor McCrory and Rockingham County.



Governor Pat McCrory and Reidsville Mayor Jay Donecker hold up the canvas prints the City presented to officials at the grand opening.



From left, posing for a photo following the ceremony were: Tom Caudle, Unifi President; Reidsville Council members Donald Gorham, William Hairston (partially hidden) Sherri Walker, James Festerman, Governor McCrory, Mayor Jay Donecker and Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown. Absent from the photo is Councilman Tom Balsley.

Below is Unifi's press release about the grand opening:



Unifi Celebrates the Grand Opening of its REPREVE® Bottle Processing Center

REIDSVILLE, N.C. – Sept. 7, 2016 – Unifi, Inc. (NYSE: UFI) today celebrated the official opening of its REPREVE® Bottle Processing Center. The more than \$28 million investment will help Unifi achieve its goal of vertical integration for its REPREVE® recycled product line, adding flexibility, expanding production capabilities and supporting volume growth. REPREVE is Unifi's recycled brand, made from recycled materials such as plastic water bottles. The REPREVE Bottle Processing Center will add 87 new jobs in the Reidsville, N.C., area, ranging from salaried managers and engineers, to hourly operators, material handlers, electricians, mechanics and more.

"This expansion of Unifi's REPREVE business will bring jobs to our state and furthers North Carolina's leadership in high-tech manufacturing," said Governor McCrory. "I am proud that our efforts to improve North Carolina's business climate, invest in infrastructure and encourage building reuse have helped companies like Unifi grow and succeed."

The REPREVE Bottle Processing Center includes more than 150,000 square feet of space to be utilized for the new operation, located at the Company's facilities in Reidsville, N.C. The state-of-the-art recycling center is one of the most advanced in the United States, with the capacity to produce annually 75 million pounds of the highest quality, consistent, clean bottle flake.

Unifi will purchase baled PET bottles from materials recovery facilities across the eastern United States, and bring them to the REPREVE Bottle Processing Center, where undesirable materials will be sorted and filtered using multiple processes to ensure that only the proper, high-quality bottles are kept for use. Unifi will then remove labels, debris and caps from the remaining PET bottles. These bottles will be chopped into flake, washed, dried and bagged for use in the production of REPREVE, or sold to other companies for a variety of consumer packaging applications, such as thermoformed food-grade packaging like cups and takeout containers, as well as non-food applications such as strapping and film.

"The vertical integration of our REPREVE manufacturing process highlights an important next step in Unifi's continued path toward sustainability and producing high-quality, value-added products," said Tom Caudle, president of Unifi. "The REPREVE Bottle Processing Center uses custom-designed, cutting-edge technology and provides increased flexibility that will allow us to better serve our customers, as well as create a new channel of revenue. We are also proud to support manufacturing in North Carolina and to add new jobs in our communities."

Rockingham County provided a \$25,000 matching grant that allowed the REPREVE Bottle Processing Center expansion to qualify for a Building Reuse Grant of \$500,000 from the North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority under the Rural Economic Development Division at the North Carolina Department of Commerce. To support the expansion of the facility, a Community Development Block

Grant in the amount of \$861,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce was awarded to the city of Reidsville for a larger sewer line to replace aged infrastructure.

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Some of the world's favorite brands use REPREVE in a variety of auto, outdoor, home and apparel products, including Levi's, Haggar, Ford and The North Face. Since inception, Unifi has recycled more than 4 billion plastic water bottles into REPREVE.

About REPREVE:

REPREVE® is Unifi, Inc.'s (NYSE: UFI) flagship brand of recycled fibers, made from recycled materials, including plastic bottles. REPREVE can be found in products ranging from apparel and hosiery to automotive and industrial applications, and is used by some of the world's leading brands, including Patagonia, Haggar, Quiksilver and Ford. REPREVE's #TurnItGreen initiative is designed to encourage recycling and raise awareness among consumers that recycled bottles can be turned into cool products they use every day. For more information about REPREVE, visit www.REPREVE.com; like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Unifi:

Unifi, Inc. is a multi-national manufacturing company that produces and sells textured and other processed yarns designed to meet customer specifications, and premium value-added ("PVA") yarns with enhanced performance characteristics. Unifi maintains one of the textile industry's most comprehensive polyester and nylon product offerings. Unifi enhances demand for its products, and helps others in creating a more effective textile industry supply chain, through the development and introduction of branded yarns that provide unique performance, comfort and aesthetic advantages. In addition to its flagship REPREVE® products – a family of eco-friendly yarns made from recycled materials – key Unifi brands include: SORBTEK®, REFLEXX®, AIO® – all-in-one performance yarns, SATURA®, AUGUSTA®, A.M.Y.®, MYNX® UV and MICROVISTA®. Unifi's yarns are readily found in the products of major brands in the apparel, hosiery, automotive, home furnishings, industrial and other end-use markets. For more information about Unifi, visit www.unifi.com; to learn more about REPREVE®, visit www.REPREVE.com.

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