

COMMUNITY WELCOMES J & L EXTREME MACHINE TO MARKLAND BUSINESS PARK

Florence, IN – A new manufacturer supplying the automotive industry began production in the Markland Business Park in January 2015. J & L Xtreme machine manufactures exhaust components for a variety of diesel engines. The company will be located in the Markland Center, a 10,000 square foot facility constructed by Switzerland County in 2012.

The company has been in operation since 2011. Company President James Peters is a Switzerland County native and has worked in the automotive supply industry since 1988.

Like most small manufacturers the company will start out at their new Switzerland County location was just a handful of employees. Employment is expected to grow to 20 employees over a three-year period. Jobs at the facility are expected to pay above the county average wage and will require workers with advanced manufacturing skills.

The total economic benefit to the area of the location and operation of J&L Extreme Machine is estimated at more than twelve million dollars over the next ten years.

It was possible to bring a company like J&L Xtreme machine to Switzerland County because of the investment in land and infrastructure Switzerland County made at the Markland Business Park and because of the existence of an available building at the park, also constructed by the county.

Switzerland County received a grant from the US Economic Development Administration to construct infrastructure in the 100 acre Markland Business Park in 2010. Construction was complete in 2013. The site has been certified as *Shovel Ready* by the State of Indiana. The Markland Center was constructed in 2012.