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Two companies relocate to PBC Creating 90 new jobs

West Palm Beach, FL – In partnership with Palm Beach County, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County announced today that two new companies are relocating to Palm Beach County bringing 90 new jobs to the area.

With assistance from the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the Workforce Alliance of Palm Beach County, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County (BDB) facilitated the relocation of **American Tire Distributors (ATD)** which is constructing a new 120,000 SF distribution facility creating 30 new jobs. The new facility, its 8th in Florida, will be located at North 103rd Avenue in Royal Palm Beach.

In business since 1935, **ATD** is a provider of tires, custom wheels, service equipment, shop supplies, and business resources to tire dealers, service repair shops, and automotive performance shops throughout the U.S and Canada.

The Village of Royal Palm Beach assisted ATD with expedited permitting and Workforce Alliance will assist the company in its workforce recruitment efforts.

Christopher Thomson with Cushman & Wakefield brokered the deal. Ralph Kittrell with Exeter Property Group is coordinating the construction and will be the owner of the facility.

BDB President Kelly Smallridge stated that this marks the second time in a year that a large distribution facility has selected the Village of Royal Palm Beach noting that the first was the 821,000 square feet ALDI Distribution facility to be constructed south of SR 7 and Okeechobee Boulevard. She credits the business-friendly" attitude of the Village staff with landing these large facilities.

Advanced Processing and Imaging (API), currently located in Deerfield Beach, will move its corporate offices to a 6,700 square foot facility located at 901 Yamato Road in Boca Raton to accommodate the company's growth and provide employment for 60 employees.

For nearly two decades, API has been helping organizations across a wide range of industries reduce operating costs and increase productivity through the use of its document management software that enables more efficient business execution and diminished reliance on paper-based processes.

The BDB assisted API in its relocation by providing information on available real estate, introductions to training programs and staff at Workforce Alliance as well as permitting information. The city of Boca Raton provided expedited permitting and Workforce Alliance is assisting the company in its recruitment and training efforts.

“The BDB proved to be a great asset as we structured our move to Boca Raton,” said Juan Rodriguez, President & CEO of API. “We are looking forward to moving to our new headquarters as part of our accelerated company growth. We have a number of long standing clients in Palm Beach County, such as the Cities of Delray and Lake Worth, and are very excited about welcoming as new clients several well-known organizations whose headquarters are in the area within the next few months. Boca Raton’s proximity to international and domestic airports, ease of accessibility for our employees, growing technological sector and well established cultural options also weighed in on our decision. We look forward to a long and successful collaboration with the BDB and other local commerce organizations.”

About the BDB: The Business Development Board of Palm Beach County is the official public/private economic development organization for Palm Beach County and Enterprise Florida. Founded in 1982 as a not-for-profit corporation, our primary purpose is to attract and retain new industry, business investment, high quality jobs and workforce development through corporate relocations, expansions and international trade. During the past five years, the BDB has assisted companies that have created more than 7,900 direct jobs with average salaries greater than \$55,400, resulting in more than \$400 million in capital investment to Palm Beach County and an economic impact that exceeds \$1.8 billion. Additional information can be found at the BDB’s Web site, BDB.org.

About American Tire Distributors: American Tire Distributors is one of the nation's largest independent suppliers of tires to the replacement tire market. It operates 105 distribution centers servicing 41 states. The company focuses on helping tire and wheel retail dealers compete with larger retailers by offering the most complete, coast-to-coast selection of tires, wheels and related products and value-added services. American Tire Distributors employs over 3,000 employees across its nationwide distribution center network, including over 300 people in its Charlotte-area field support center, distribution center and regional hub.

About Advanced Processing & Imaging: For nearly 20 years, API, a leading service provider in the information management industry, has been in the forefront of developing innovative software solutions that improve business processes in an efficient paperless environment. The API enterprise content management (ECM) portfolio includes document management and imaging records management, business process automation, business continuity and disaster planning, and agenda administration.