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### ***Chinese company to locate U.S. Headquarters in Suffolk, Virginia***

The Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA) announced today that Shandong Zhangqiu Blower Co., Ltd., a manufacturer of positive displacement blowers, has decided to establish its U.S. Headquarters in Hampton Roads.

Eurus Blower, a division of Shandong Zhangqiu Blower Co., will begin operation of its 2,300 square foot warehouse and sales office in January 2009. Initially, three people will be employed at the Suffolk, Virginia location. They will be located at 110 Virginia Ham Drive in the Shingle Creek Building.

Shandong Zhangqiu Blower is the largest manufacturer of positive displacement blowers in China and is located in the Mingshui Economic Development Zone, Zhangqiu City, Shandong Province of China. According to Mr. Yq Gao, the Vice President of the venture in Virginia, the company has 40% of the positive displacement blower market share in China and exports its products to more than 40 countries.

Mr. Shihua Liu, the President of the company in Virginia, emphasized that "Hampton Roads was an ideal location for our U.S. headquarters because of the central location along the East Coast as well as the excellent port facilities." Mr. Liu spoke highly of HREDA's efforts to support them as they considered other sites in Pennsylvania and Northern Virginia. The company was referred to HREDA via a lead from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP).

"Hampton Roads continues to be an ideal location for expansion of international companies into the U.S. market," noted Jerome F. Clark, Chairman of the HREDA. "We welcome the addition of this company to our region and look forward to working with them as we continue to develop relationships with other Chinese-based companies."

Darryl Gosnell, President and CEO of the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, commented, "There are still great companies like Eurus Blower looking to break into the U.S. market, despite the current economic environment. We must continue to be diligent in our marketing efforts, both nationally and internationally, to take advantage of the opportunities that are out there."