



## **Graphic Packaging International to Invest \$136 million in Macon-Bibb County**

ATLANTA – Dec. 4, 2017 -The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (MBCIA) today announced that Graphic Packaging International (GPI), a leading company in the design and manufacturing of packaging for commercial products, will invest \$136 million in the modernization of its Macon mill. GPI employs more than 1,330 employees in Georgia, and the Macon mill investment will help retain more than 460 manufacturing jobs.

“Georgia has a rich history in manufacturing, and many strategic assets that enable companies in this industry sector to find success here and abroad,” said GDEcD Commissioner Pat Wilson. “GPI’s decision to modernize its operations is a testament to our state’s position as a global leader in the industry, and we are excited to see the company flourish in Macon.”

GPI’s Macon mill makes paperboard used in packaging for the food and beverage industry. The investment will enhance its capability by adding a state-of-the-art curtain coater, automate certain processes, and upgrade the water, generator and air systems to improve the mill’s environmental profile.

“After a thorough analysis of our manufacturing needs and the available local resources, it was clear that Macon – Bibb County was ideal for this capital investment,” said Michael Doss, President and CEO of Graphic Packaging International. “A number of factors influenced our decision, including the facility location; access to a diverse, educated and skilled local workforce; and our relationship with Macon – Bibb County and the State of Georgia.”

“I’m delighted Graphic Packaging is investing in its plant here and making a commitment to be a part of our community for many years to come,” said Macon-Bibb County Mayor Robert Reichert. “Our location in the state and country makes us a prime location for companies to be successful and expand.”

Georgia successfully competed against other states to win this investment. GDEcD regional project manager, Candice Scott, represented the Global Commerce division in partnership with the Stephen Adams at MBCIA, Central Georgia Technical College and GDEcD’s Workforce Division.

### **About Graphic Packaging International**

Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is committed to providing consumer packaging that makes a world of difference. The Company is a leading provider of paper-based packaging solutions for a wide variety of products to food, beverage and other consumer product companies. The Company operates on a global basis, is one of the largest producers of folding cartons in the United States, and holds leading market positions in coated unbleached kraft paperboard and coated-recycled paperboard. The Company’s customers include many of the world’s most widely recognized companies and brands. Additional information about Graphic Packaging, its business and its products is available on the Company’s web site at [www.graphicpkg.com](http://www.graphicpkg.com).

