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Chesapeake Becomes East Coast Home for Ciuti International

Ciuti International adds to Chesapeake's recipe for growth with new 100,000-square-foot East Coast facility

CHESAPEAKE, VA. —The City of Chesapeake Department of Economic Development is proud to announce that Ciuti, a specialty cooking oil importer and packer, has established its new East Coast operations center in Chesapeake. The new facility expands the company's service capabilities for customers across the East Coast, complementing its established West Coast operations and adding a new hub to its national distribution network.

"We are excited to welcome Ciuti's East Coast operations to Chesapeake," said Steven Wright, Director of Economic Development. "This project brings new investment and jobs to the city while adding to Chesapeake's robust distribution sector. Chesapeake puts Ciuti in a good position to reach customers throughout the East Coast and expand its presence in this part of the country. We look forward to working with the company as it establishes and grows its operations here."

The company's new 100,000-square-foot packaging and distribution facility is located near The Port of Virginia and provides direct rail and interstate access. These transportation connections will facilitate the movement of products to and from the Chesapeake facility and Ciuti's distribution operations throughout the region.

The SQF Level 2-certified facility will feature custom production lines for glass, PET, squeeze bottles, 35-pound JIBs, and tins, along with bulk filling capabilities for drums, totes, and tankers. On-site storage silos are designed to separate products by oil type and origin, supporting traceability and certification requirements for USDA Organic, Non-GMO Project Verified, and OU Kosher products. The facility will also include an in-house quality control laboratory to monitor products for authenticity, purity, and consistency.

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"The opening of our new Chesapeake facility represents an important step in expanding Ciuti's reach and strengthening how we serve our customers," said Eric Trincale, President of Ciuti International. "With its proximity to the Port of Norfolk and direct rail service, this location gives us a significant logistical advantage—helping us reduce lead times and freight costs while providing more efficient and reliable service throughout the East Coast, Midwest and beyond."

Trincale added, "We are excited to put down roots in Chesapeake and become a recognizable and valued part of the community. As we grow our Virginia operations, we look forward to creating new jobs and building lasting relationships throughout the community."

"Ciuti's investment in Chesapeake reflects the strategic advantages that continue to attract global companies to Virginia. As a leading global gateway, the Port of Virginia helps provide the connectivity, capacity, and access to global markets that enable businesses to grow and thrive," said Sarah J. McCoy, Executive Director and CEO, Virginia Port Authority.

About Ciuti International

Ciuti International is a specialty cooking oil importer and packer serving retail, foodservice and industrial customers. The company provides a variety of cooking oils in multiple packaging formats and volumes, supported by quality-control, packaging and bulk distribution capabilities.
For more information, visit www.ciuti.com.

About Chesapeake Economic Development

The City of Chesapeake Department of Economic Development works to attract new investment, support existing businesses and strengthen Chesapeake's position as a premier destination for business growth. The department connects companies with the resources, workforce, infrastructure and partnerships needed to establish, expand and succeed in Chesapeake. For more information, visit www.chesapeakeva.biz.

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