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**ETHAN ALLEN TO EXPAND, CREATE 150 NEW JOBS**

**Maiden** – Ethan Allen Operations, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Connecticut-based Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc. (NYSE:ETH), has selected its existing upholstery manufacturing facilities in Maiden for a project that will create more than 150 new jobs over the next three years with an investment of more than \$2.25 million. A state grant from the One North Carolina Fund helped make the project possible.

Ethan Allen, a leading manufacturer and retailer of quality home furnishings, operates eight manufacturing facilities in the United States, which include two sawmills, and one manufacturing facility in Mexico. The company's two Maiden plants manufacture custom made-to-order handcrafted upholstered furniture.

The company is exiting a leased facility in California and consolidating those operations to its Maiden facilities, which currently employ 540 workers. The move will replace 150 jobs lost in previous layoffs and will add 152 new jobs, for a total of 302 jobs.

Farooq Kathwari, Chairman and CEO of Ethan Allen commented, "We are pleased that we are able to expand our upholstery operations in Maiden, North Carolina where our highly skilled workers have produced handcrafted custom made upholstery since 1949. It is also gratifying to be able to work in partnership with the North Carolina state and local governments to help both our business and the local Maiden community."

"In these challenging times, it is encouraging to see these high-quality jobs coming to Catawba County", says Kitty Barnes, Chairwoman of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners. "We are pleased to see Ethan Allen bringing jobs back to the US and are glad that they have selected to incorporate these jobs into their Maiden plant."

"There is no question that the quality and craftsmanship of furniture makers in our area is the best in the world", adds Maiden Mayor Robert L. Smyre. "Ethan Allen's commitment to that

quality has led them to bring jobs back to Maiden, and add another 150 new jobs. We congratulate them for making that decision.”

“Ethan Allen is a strong company with a rich heritage and we are pleased to assist them in strengthening their Maiden facility,” says Catawba County EDC Board Chair Tony Rose. “True to their latest nationwide marketing campaign, this announcement is a clear sign of Ethan Allen’s commitment to ‘Celebrating American Innovation’ and to the unparalleled skill and craftsmanship found in Catawba County.”

Hiring for the positions is expected to begin immediately. Individuals wishing to apply for employment should visit Ethan Allen’s website, [www.ethanallen.com](http://www.ethanallen.com) and check for job postings or apply in person at the Maiden facility.

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