

Columbus McKinnon To Create 70 Jobs At Damascus Plant

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DAMASCUS, Va.—Columbus McKinnon Corp. announced this morning plans to invest approximately \$5 million in its Damascus Hoist Division operation here.

The investment is part of a corporate restructuring that will consolidate part of its hoist operations into the Damascus plant. It is expected to create 70 jobs and retain 174 current positions, according to a news release from Gov. Tim Kaine's office.

Company and county officials held a news conference at 11 a.m.

Virginia successfully competed against three other states for these jobs, the news release states.

“Retaining the Columbus McKinnon Hoist Division operations in the region is crucial — the company is a major contributor to Washington County,” Kaine said in the written statement. “This latest expansion and investment is welcome news during tough economic times for the county, state and nation.”

Columbus McKinnon is a designer, manufacturer and marketer of material handling products, systems and services, which efficiently and ergonomically move, lift position or secure material. Products include hoists, cranes, actuators, chain and forged attachments. For details of today's announcement, read Friday's Bristol Herald Courier.

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