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Cost Plus World Market Invests in Virginia Distribution Center

WINDSOR, VA (December 8, 2015) – Isle of Wight County Economic Development is pleased to announce that Cost Plus World Market's Virginia Distribution Center, located in Windsor, Virginia, recently completed some substantial upgrades to its 1.1 million square-foot facility, which include: expanding the climate-controlled chocolate room and installing a new sorting and racking system to improve operational efficiencies.

Cost Plus World Market is one of Isle of Wight County's major employers and currently has 300 employees. The Virginia Distribution Center originally located in Isle of Wight County in 2001 and expanded to its current size in 2004. From food to furniture, the facility distributes over 8,000 different items from all around the world.

"As our company continues to grow and we open new stores, the World Market Supply Chain must evolve" says Wayne Davis, General Manager. "The capital improvements will allow the Virginia Distribution Center to support additional stores while staying within the current building footprint. This type of capital investment shows the company's confidence in its local workforce and management team."

About Cost Plus World Market

Cost Plus World Market operates 276 stores in 35 states under the World Market® and Cost Plus World Market® trademarks. The stores feature an ever-changing selection of casual home décor and furnishings, housewares, gifts, jewelry, decorative accessories, over 500 international wines, gourmet foods and beverages offered at affordable prices and imported from more than 50 countries. Many items are unique and exclusive to World Market and are regularly supplied by an international network of individual and regional artisans developed over the Company's more than 50 years in the import business.

Cost Plus World Market Virginia Distribution Center is located at 12300 Dominion Way, Windsor, VA in the Shirley T. Holland Intermodal Park. Call 757-242-9930 for more information or visit them on the web at

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