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Johnstown, PA - Congressman John Murtha announced today that an England-based company specializing in high-temperature-resistant insulation materials and garment technology is opening a research and development facility at the Northpointe Technology Center.

Lamination Technologies, which signed a five-year lease with the Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority, will initially employ up to six people, mainly scientists and support staff, to finalize product development. Later, large-scale manufacturing opportunities are expected to open up for local companies.

"Our ability to attract an overseas company like Lamination Technologies to Armstrong County provides additional proof that we've built a new economy in the region," said Murtha, who obtained Department of Defense funding for LT's projects. "I'm delighted to welcome another business with great growth potential to the area, and I applaud the county's success in filling the multi-tenant facility at Northpointe with companies that are making such valuable contributions to our revitalization and diversification efforts."

Instrumental in LT's decision to locate in Armstrong County was the Electro Optics Center, which Murtha envisioned and supported as the cornerstone of the region's emerging high-tech industry. The EOC awarded LT subcontract work in 2005 and 2006.

"It's a difficult, complicated process for a small foreign company to establish a relationship with both local and federal government agencies," said LT CEO Phil Morris. "Throughout the process, however, we were encouraged by the unwavering support of Congressman Murtha, the EOC and county officials. They made it impossible for us to consider any other location."

Buildout of LT's 3,681-square-foot facility is expected to be completed next month.

Other tenants in the facility are DRS/Laurel Technologies, Boeing, Sabeus and RAPT.