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Danby Group Announces Warehouse & Distribution Center in Saraland

MOBILE, Ala. – Danby Products, a manufacturer of appliances announced it will open a southern distribution warehouse in Saraland, Ala., to serve customers located across the Southeastern U.S. in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina and parts of Texas. The operations will be located in a 125,000 square-foot facility that will ultimately include a small factory outlet retail store.

The new facility, slated to open in late April, is located at 252 Jacintoport, and the company worked with NAI Mobile on the lease. Once fully-operational, the company will employ 25 full-time workers.

Eian Campbell, director of operations with Danby, said the company evaluated the ability of numerous locations to receive inbound ocean containers in conjunction with a review of outbound transportation services – specifically road transportation and intermodal rail service. They also evaluated warehousing opportunities coupled with a review of the skill sets of the local workforce.

"The results of this study determined that Mobile and the surrounding area was the ideal location for the Danby group of companies to put its new distribution warehouse," he said.

Danby will be utilizing the Port of Mobile to receive incoming merchandise in ocean containers, and with this expansion, will be able to extend current business relationships with its transportation providers to utilize the readily accessible rail intermodal and transport truck over the road services.

"Danby is a great example of the positive impact that the Port of Mobile has on new and expanding industry. The new intermodal and container expansions at the port will continue to support industry growth and investment in the Mobile area," said David Rodgers, project manager for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.

"(We are) extremely excited about this new business opportunity and the ability it enables to grow our business with our current and new customers located in the southern United States," said Campbell.

"We are excited that Danby has decided to add Saraland to the list of cities it calls home. Mobile County and the entire region benefit from the diversity this distribution center adds to our business and industry profile," said Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood whose district where Danby will be located. "Danby's record of environmental stewardship makes it a welcome partner as we work to maximize port operations while protecting our water resources that we value so much."

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About Danby:

Founded in 1947, Danby is one of North America's largest manufacturers offering appliances such as microwaves, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. The company operates three distinct business units – Danby, MicroFridge and Silhouette. Opened nearly 70 years ago, the family-owned business now has four North American offices, including the one in Mobile. For more information on Danby and its products, please visit www.danby.com.