



June 2, 2025

Mayor Luke Hellier 20195 Holyoke Avenue Lakeville MN 55044 <u>lhellier@lakevillemn.gov</u>

Commissioner Matt Varilek Minnesota DEED 180 East Fifth Street St. Paul, MN 55101-1678

Jason Wadell, State Rapid Response Team Supervisor Department of Employment and Economic Development 180 East Fifth Street St. Paul, MN 55101-1678 WARN.DEED@state.mn.us

Re: WARN Act Notice

Dear Mayor Hellier, Commissioner Varilek, and Mr. Wadell:

This letter is to inform you that J&E Manufacturing, LLC ("J&E") has made the difficult decision to cease its operations and close all of its Minnesota locations, including a plant closing affecting J&E's location at 7925 215th St W, Lakeville, MN 55044

This notice was issued as soon as it became clear that, despite efforts by J&E, it would not be able to continue its operations due to financial difficulties and circumstances. Such efforts had the potential of permitting operations to continue, including through a potential sale of the business which could have resulted in the continued employment of J&E's employees. However, those efforts failed shortly before the issuance of this notice. To the extent notice may be required under the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act ("WARN"), this letter serves as such notice given as soon as was reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

The entire plant located at the Lakeville, MN address, listed above, will be closed and this closing is expected to be permanent. Employees will be terminated effective June 2, 2025, with the potential of certain employees being retained for a limited period of time beyond that date. The job titles of positions affected by the Lakeville plant closing, and the number of affected employees in each job classification, is enclosed in Exhibit A. No employees are represented by a union, and no bumping rights exist.

J&E sincerely regrets having to take this action. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mac Rowland Assignee under Minnesota Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors J&E Companies <u>mrowland@harneypartners.com</u> 248-797-5572

Enclosure

Exhibit A

Job Title Plant Manager Estimator **Quality Manager Operations Manager** Machine Maintenance CNC Operator (Mill, Lathe, Cobot Operator) Shipping and Receiving Supervisor Welder Process Engineer Operations Supervisor Machine Operator- Press Brake Account Manager HR Coordinator Machine Operator- Laser Lead, Painter Machine Operator- Press Brake CNC Operator (Mill, Lathe, Cobot Operator) Welder Machine Operator- Turret Driver Machine Operator

Spot Welder

Quality Technician General Labor (Shaker, Runner, Catcher, Facility Maintenance, Other) Machine Operator Machine Operator- Press Brake Machine Operator- Punch Press Shipping and Receiving Specialist Painter CNC Operator (Mill, Lathe, Cobot Operator) Machine Operator- Press Brake Painter Machine Operator- Press Brake General Labor (Shaker, Runner, Catcher, Facility Maintenance, Other)

Planner

General Labor (Shaker, Runner, Catcher, Facility Maintenance, Other) Painter Surface Grinder/Polishing

Machine Operator

General Labor (Shaker, Runner, Catcher, Facility Maintenance, Other) General Labor (Shaker, Runner, Catcher, Facility Maintenance, Other) General Labor (Shaker, Runner, Catcher, Facility Maintenance, Other)