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## GEALAN ESTABLISHES U.S. OPERATIONS IN COLUMBUS REGION

European Leader in Window Systems to Enter U.S. Market, Creates 27 New Jobs in Central Ohio

**Columbus, Ohio** – GEALAN, a global leader known for its cutting-edge window systems and designs, has chosen the Columbus Region as its home for U.S. operations. This \$1.2 million investment includes a state-of-the-art facility that will create 27 new jobs with an average annual payroll of \$2.16 million.

Known for its advanced European-style window systems, GEALAN is introducing its high-performance products to the North American market. Renowned for their energy efficiency, sleek designs, and sustainability, GEALAN's innovative solutions set a new standard for residential and commercial windows and doors. The facility in the City of Heath will serve as the company's U.S. headquarters, supporting sales, customer service, and training programs to ensure clients benefit from GEALAN's industry expertise and technical support.

"We are excited to establish our U.S. home in the Columbus Region," said Tino Albert, Managing Director Technology & Finance for GEALAN. "The Columbus Region provides the ideal environment for us to launch our innovative European designs into the U.S. market. With its skilled workforce, central location, and collaborative business community, City of Heath was a natural choice to support our long-term success in North America."

The Columbus Region has become a top destination for global investment, with international companies making up 42% of the projects currently in the One Columbus pipeline. GEALAN's decision to locate its U.S. headquarters here reflects the Region's unique ability to meet the needs of global businesses through its workforce talent, central location, and business-friendly environment.

"GEALAN's decision to establish its U.S. headquarters in the Columbus Region reflects the strength of Ohio as a destination for global innovation," said J.P. Nauseef, President and CEO of JobsOhio. "This investment not only brings new opportunities to our workforce but also introduces advanced, energy-efficient products to the U.S. market. GEALAN's presence will further enhance our region's role as a hub for cutting-edge industries and global economic growth."

"Heath is proud to welcome GEALAN to our vibrant business community," said Heath Mayor Mark Johns. "Their decision to make Heath their U.S. manufacturing home underscores the strength of our workforce and infrastructure, while also bringing exciting, world-class products to the American market. This investment highlights our city as a place where both foreign and domestic businesses can thrive and make a global impact."

You can view the unique capabilities of GEALAN's European-style window systems by clicking here.

## **About GEALAN**

GEALAN, headquartered in Germany, is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of uPVC profiles for windows and doors - and now also present in the USA. GEALAN profiles are designed in Germany and manufactured in Europe. They are the basis for making European style Tilt & Turn windows, doors and modern sliding solutions, that are strikingly beautiful, exceptionally robust and equipped with top thermal insulation values. GEALAN offers its partners a comprehensive range of services, such as training courses, architectural consulting and construction engineering services. Intelligent tools simplify planning and tendering. GEALAN employs more than 1,600 people and generated an annual turnover of EUR 345 million in 2023.

## **About JobsOhio**

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through Find Your Ohio. JobsOhio works with seven regional partners across Ohio: <u>Dayton Development Coalition</u>, <u>Lake to River</u>, <u>Ohio Southeast</u>, <u>One Columbus</u>, <u>REDI Cincinnati</u>, <u>Regional Growth Partnership</u> and Team NEO. Learn more at <a href="https://www.jobsohio.com">www.jobsohio.com</a>. Follow the company on <a href="https://www.jobsohio.com">LinkedIn</a>, <a href="https://www.jobsohio.com">Twitter</a> and <a href="https://www.jobsohio.com">Facebook</a>.

## **About One Columbus**

As the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region, One Columbus' mission is to lead a comprehensive regional growth strategy that develops and attracts the world's most competitive companies, grows a highly adaptive workforce, prepares our communities for the future and inspires corporate, academic and public innovation throughout the Columbus Region. One Columbus expertly guides companies through the location decision process. Through strategic business outreach and customized research, the One Columbus team leverages public, private and institutional partnerships to grow the Columbus Region's economy and strengthen its national and international competitiveness. Funding is received from more than 300 private organizations, local governments, academic institutions and JobsOhio. Learn more at ColumbusRegion.com.

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