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Akorn Celebrates New Expansion & Warehouse with Chamber Ribbon Cutting

Decatur, IL – The City of Decatur, Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation, and Akorn, Inc. will celebrate the opening of the 30,000-square foot expansion to Akorn’s existing packaging facility on Decatur’s West Side on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 11:00 am. This \$5.6 Million project helped retain 200 jobs and create an additional 25 positions.

Akorn is a specialty generic pharmaceutical company engaged in the development, manufacture and marketing of multi-source and branded pharmaceutical products with a worldwide manufacturing footprint. In addition to use in local hospitals and physicians’ offices, products manufactured and packaged at Akorn’s two Decatur facilities are used across the United States to help patients in need of quality, affordable pharmaceutical products.

"The fact that Akorn has once again chosen to make what is a considerable investment in Decatur is a testament to the company's commitment to our city, to the quality of our local workforce and to the hard work of a team of people and organizations that are working every day to bring development to our community. It will lead to the creation and retention of jobs, it will allow for the company to expand in the future and it also signals that one of our long-standing community partners will be here for years to come. This project represents the latest addition to what is fast becoming a lengthy list of development projects announced in recent years which says a lot about how companies today view Decatur as an option for building or expanding." said **Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe, City of Decatur.**

“This Ribbon Cutting Ceremony follows the ground breaking we held just a few short months ago. We are extremely pleased Akorn Pharmaceuticals continues to invest and expand their manufacturing and warehousing operations in Decatur, says **Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce President, Mirinda Rothrock.** “The Chamber supports Akorn’s continued growth and dedication. It is an honor to have them as a Chamber member.”

“The EDC Board of Directors congratulates Akorn Pharmaceuticals on the opening of this new facility. We greatly appreciate Akorn’s willingness to work with the EDC and others to utilize existing economic development programs to support this investment. Their commitment to our community is evident and valued.” said **Ryan McCrady, President for the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County.**

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***** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Event details are as follows:**

Location: Akorn Pharmaceuticals, 150 S. Wyckles Road, Decatur, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Time: 11:00am

Parking: Parking will be off West Main Street, behind facility starting at 10:00 am.

Additional Information: Jarrod Cox, Event Coordinator, Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce