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**GOVERNOR LEE, COMMISSIONER ROLFE ANNOUNCE CLAYTON TO ESTABLISH SUMNER COUNTY OPERATIONS IN WESTMORELAND**

- *National home builder will invest \$14 million in Supply facility and create nearly 110 jobs*
- *Clayton Supply Westmoreland in Sumner County will produce panels and trusses*
- *Headquartered in Maryville, Tenn., Clayton employs 5,400 Tennesseans*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Clayton officials announced today that the home builder will establish a Clayton Supply® facility in Westmoreland.

Clayton will invest \$14 million in Sumner County. The company will hire nearly 110 new team members over the next two years. Clayton anticipates operations in Westmoreland will begin in early 2020.

The supply facility will be dedicated to the launch of a new division of pre-manufactured assemblies for on-site home builders. Clayton plans to manufacture wall panels and trusses for single and multifamily residential site-built homes

Headquartered in Maryville, Tenn., Clayton is one of the largest homebuilders in the nation and offers traditional site-built homes and off-site built housing, including modular homes, manufactured homes, tiny homes, college dormitories, military barracks and apartments. Clayton is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway.

Clayton currently employs approximately 5,400 Tennesseans. Its subsidiaries include Clayton Home Building Group®, which is comprised of Manufacturing, Clayton Supply and Clayton Properties Group®; Vanderbilt Mortgage; 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage® – and insurance company HomeFirst® Agency.

Since 2015, TNECD has supported 12 economic development projects in Sumner County. These projects represent approximately 1,900 job commitments and more than \$221 million in private capital investment.



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"As one of Tennessee's largest private employers, Clayton has been a valuable part of our state's economy for more than 60 years. I'm excited to see the positive impact this investment will have on Sumner County." - **Gov. Bill Lee**

"For decades, Clayton has helped make home ownership attainable for countless families across this country. We're proud that Clayton calls Tennessee home, and this expansion in Westmoreland promises to inject family wage jobs into rural Sumner County." - **TNECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe**

"Clayton Supply Westmoreland is a tangible continuation of our vision to adapt innovations in the off-site housing industry for on-site building methods. We look forward to developing Clayton Supply Westmoreland into a world-class working environment for our team members so that they have a place that they are excited to come to work to every day." - **Keith Holdbrooks, President of Clayton Home Building Group**

"TVA and Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation congratulate Clayton on its decision to locate and create new job opportunities Westmoreland, Tennessee. Helping to foster economic growth is fundamental to TVA's mission of service and we are proud to partner with the City of Westmoreland, Forward Sumner Economic Partnership, and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to help further that mission." - **TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley**

This is a generational project for our rural community of Westmoreland. Thank you to all of the economic development partners that made it possible." - **Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt**

"Clayton will bring new business and rural development to an existing facility that will create a pathway for our students and workforce to have a career in their hometown of Westmoreland." - **Westmoreland Mayor Jerry Kirkman**

"Westmoreland and northern Sumner County are most deserving of these jobs. This will be a huge economic boost for this area. I congratulate Mayor Kirkman, other local officials, Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe and our Department of Economic and Community Development for their role in successfully bringing this investment to Sumner County. I could not be more pleased and look forward to seeing how these new jobs will provide many citizens in our district with new and better opportunities for the future." - **Senate Speaker Pro Tempore Ferrell Haile (R-Sumner County)**

"This announcement by Clayton is great news for our residents. I want to thank the Governor, our Department of Economic & Community Development, and Clayton for



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their investment in Sumner County. Congratulations to our local leaders for all of their hard work securing these high-quality jobs; it was an honor to support their efforts." - **House Majority Leader William Lamberth (R-Portland)**

## **About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission is to develop strategies that help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. To grow and strengthen Tennessee, the department seeks to attract new corporate investment to the state and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. Find us on the web: [tnecd.com](http://tnecd.com). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#): @tnecd. Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/tnecd](https://facebook.com/tnecd).

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