



## Parts firm to bring 90 jobs

### Vintage auto supplier to open center at site that's been vacant since 2003

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A supplier of vintage automobile parts plans to open a distribution plant in Dinwiddie County, creating about 90 jobs.

Moss Motors Ltd., based in Goleta, Calif., said it will invest \$5.1 million in a 112,000-square-foot distribution center on Simpson Road. The site is a former Nippon Wiper Blade Co. plant that has been vacant since 2003.

The company is moving the operations from a distribution site in Dover, N.J., that employs about 25 people, said Glen Adams, the company's president. The move is being made for cost reasons and to be closer to customers. Some employees may move here, but Adams said yesterday he could not estimate how many at this time.

Locally, the company plans to open the distribution site this year and hire 30 to 35 people initially, primarily for warehouse jobs, Adams said. Eventually, it will employ about 90, including some jobs in sales, accounting and information technology, he said.

Moss Motors, founded in 1948, supplies specialized automotive parts for vintage British cars and some modern cars. It caters to car enthusiasts, restoration shops, repair shops and resellers.

"We also have a subsidiary based just outside of London, England, so we import from all over the world and ship all over the world," Adams said. "That is why we are interested in being near a port.

"We did a study of various areas, and looking at a number of factors including costs, taxes, climate, quality of living and our customer locations, we identified the Richmond area as being the best place for us to relocate," he said.

The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission approved a \$150,000 grant for the project, and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance will provide training assistance through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.

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