Walmart U.S. Manufacturing Announcements

Walmart is committed to American renewal and has announced it will buy an additional $250 billion in U.S. products by 2023 in an effort to grow U.S. manufacturing and encourage the creation of U.S. jobs.

Here are some of the announcements made so far:

- **Implus Footwear** has been a supplier to Walmart for more than 20 years. Because of our commitment to source $250 billion in products that support American jobs, Implus bought its products of performance and gel insoles to the United States from China, was able to grow its business with Walmart and add about 40 new jobs in Waldsworth, Ohio.

- **Bell Sports** has been making bike helmets for over 60 years. We’ve been buying their helmets assembled in the U.S. for a while but this year, working with us, Bell is going to entirely re-shore production for a 100% Made in the USA helmet. These helmets will be in our stores fall of 2015.

- **Andover Healthcare** is expanding on its existing factory in Salisbury, Massachusetts by adding 52,000 square feet of manufacturing space in nearby Portsmouth, New Hampshire to produce its cohesive bandages for Walmart stores across the nation.

- **Dalen Products, Inc.**, to create a new line of made in the U.S. lawn and garden plastic Owls at its factory in Knoxville, Tennessee. The company will supply Walmart with more made in the U.S. products, which allows the company to increase more employees working year round jobs.

- **NUK USA** has been a long standing supplier with Walmart and is a top brand for pacifiers and baby products by moms. The majority of NUK pacifiers are now made in the U.S. at its Reedsburg, Wisconsin factory.

- **True Science**, which makes quality, all natural, Made in the USA pet products and treats. We started carrying their products in 75 stores in 2012—now they’re in 800 stores. True Science had just 20 employees in 2010, and now employs over 300 in their facilities.

- **General Electric** is creating 150 jobs to produce domestically made GE Energy Efficient Soft White bulbs that will be sold exclusively at U.S.-based Walmart stores. As part of the effort, GE opened three factories in Mattoon, Illinois, and Circleville and Bucyrus, Ohio.

- **Renfro**, a North Carolina based, multi-national legwear company specializing in the design, manufacture and sale of all kinds of socks is expanding its capacities over the next two years in Cleveland, Tenn., and Fort Payne, Ala., by creating an additional 195 manufacturing jobs.
• **No nonsense**, one of the most recognizable legwear brands in America, made by Kayser-Roth Corporation, announced a sock initiative with Walmart that will add more than 100 new jobs at Kayser-Roth and additional jobs in local industries in North Carolina. No nonsense will be expanding its Made in the USA program by investing in its existing production facilities located in North Carolina.

• **Element Electronics Corp.** plans to open a new flat screen TV assembly facility in Winnsboro, S.C. Assembly is scheduled to begin in December 2013 and the aggressive project will target up to 500 jobs.

• **Hampton Products International** recently invested in a new Shell Lake, Wisc., facility to begin production of Wright Products® screen and storm door hardware. The company plans additional capital investments in 2014 at that site that over time are expected to add an additional 150 jobs.

• **Elan-Polo, Inc.**, a global footwear supplier, will start production of injection-molded footwear in March 2014 at a factory in Hazelhurst, Ga., as part of a joint venture with McPherson Manufacturing. Once at full capacity, this new facility will create 250 jobs and produce 20,000 pairs of shoes per day.

• **Louis Hornick & Company**, a leading manufacturer and importer of window coverings and home textiles, will establish a new manufacturing facility in Allendale County, South Carolina. The investment is expected to create 125 new jobs over the next three years.

• **Tailor Made Products**, a kitchen utensil manufacturer, is expanding existing production and adding 12 new manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin.

• **Korona Candles** will generate 170 jobs in Virginia to produce Mainstays Tealight Candles.

• **Hanna’s Candles** -- As part of our U.S. manufacturing effort, Walmart is making a renewed commitment to Hanna’s Candles. Our goal with Hanna’s is to go from roughly $4 million in 2012 to $30 million in 2013 and $45 million by 2017. That has created jobs in Arkansas.

• **Kent Bicycles** moved its production from overseas to Manning, S.C. According to Kent, when at full capacity in 2016, they will have added at least 175 jobs and will be assembling 1 million bikes annually. Walmart stores will begin selling the bikes in January of 2015.

• **Richelieu Legwear International**, a Canadian-based company is creating 200 jobs in Hildebran, N.C., by the end of 2018, at a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.

• **Giti Tires** first met with South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley at Walmart’s manufacturing summit in 2013. This year, the company announced it will establish a facility in Chester County, S.C., that will create 1,700 jobs over the next decade. The facility will produce opening price point tires for Walmart.