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## **Cosentino expands multi-million dollar stone surface distribution center**

**April 8, 2015** – Cosentino, an international producer of quartz and other stone surfaces used in homes and businesses worldwide, is expanding its multi-million dollar distribution center in Hampton.

The expansion adds more than 32,000 square feet to the company’s Northeast HUB in Copeland Industrial Park, and allows Cosentino to better meet growing demand from regional Cosentino Centers, home improvement centers, and kitchen and bath specialty stores throughout the region.

“Right now, the Northeast is experiencing significant growth for us,” said Brian Dubuque, general manager of the Copeland HUB. He added that they have benefited from Hampton’s location near the port, and from the size of their new facility.

In 2013, when the Hampton facility opened with nearly 162,000 square feet of space, the city agreed to a \$25,000 grant to Cosentino that was contingent upon a commitment to creating a minimum of 17 full-time jobs and investing almost \$2.2 million in real property improvements.

Since then Cosentino has invested at least \$3 million in the construction of the Copeland facility and \$10 million in inventory. The company ended 2014 with 18 employees, with plans to have 28 employees by the end of 2015, including a “virtual” sales center staff.

Headquartered in Spain with offices in the U.S., Europe, Latin America, Australia and Asia, Cosentino is a leading business in the world of natural stone, including Silestone.

The original 2013 Cosentino project in Hampton was completed with the assistance of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance.

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