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**A Joint Statement from Economic Development Corporation Warren County,
Warren County Local Development Corporation,
Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce,
City of Glens Falls Economic Development Office,
and the Warren-Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency**

The economic development agencies of Warren and Washington Counties commend and support Finch Paper's decision to make a significant investment in the long-term success of its Glens Falls paper mill. Finch is a cornerstone of the regional economy, and this investment will help it remain that way for decades to come.

Finch is deploying private capital in its papermaking assets, the core of its business and the key to its future. With improvements in its pulp handling, papermaking and energy equipment, Finch will be able to receive and process greater amounts and a greater variety of pulp, the primary raw material in paper. This will allow Finch to broaden its mix of paper products and strengthen the long-term sustainability of a business that supports nearly 600 local jobs and pays millions of dollars in taxes.

Finch has been in business for 161 years because of the courage and foresight of its owners and leaders to innovate and to adapt to the changing paper market. Its talented papermakers are skilled at making fast, frequent and complex changes in its production processes to meet the needs of current customers and new customers nationwide.

Over the next few months, Finch will discontinue the operation of its pulp mill and woodyard. We sincerely appreciate the company's support for its employees through this process. All of the unionized employees and most of the salaried employees who work in the pulp mill and woodyard operations will be offered other job opportunities within the mill. We are encouraged by Finch's efforts to retain as many employees as possible within its Glens Falls operations. An unfortunate consequence of the decision will be its impact on independent timber harvesters and wood suppliers. Finch will no longer need the pulpwood they supply. The company will, however, continue to purchase wood from them for use in its biomass operation which produces steam to dry paper.

As this transition unfolds, we remain committed to supporting a strong business community, a skilled workforce, and opportunities for long-term economic growth throughout the Adirondack region.

EDC Warren County, in partnership with Empire State Development and regional timber stakeholders including the Empire State Forest Products Association (ESFPA) will lead the effort to help regional wood suppliers identify new customers and new markets for their products, with Finch committed to supporting these efforts.

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