



Expanded Production of Coated Glass in Ohio Supports the Growing Solar Market

Pilkington North America has contributed to the Toledo area's claim of "Glass City." The company searched for a location to build a new float glass plant that would produce coated architectural glass for First Solar's breakthrough solar panel product, the Series 6. This new plant would be NSG Group's first new float glass line in the U.S. in nearly 40 years and would support the company's long-term agreement with First Solar.

Company Profile

Pilkington North America, a subsidiary of Japan-based NSG Group, is one of the world's largest manufacturers of glass and glazing products. Founded in 1918, NSG Group was transformed in 2006 with the acquisition of Pilkington, itself a global leader in the glass industry and the inventor of the float glass process.

Business Need

In February 2018, JobsOhio was contacted with an opportunity to compete for an investment. The project required a minimum of 100 acres with heavy utilities and rail access and was being driven by strong growth in the global solar market, which is forecasted to see a double-digit increase each year over the next three years.

Ohio Solutions

Pilkington North America found potential in Wood County's Troy Township near First Solar. Troy Township's site allowed Pilkington North America access to rail and natural gas. JobsOhio provided much needed funding support to assist with the significant site development costs, including the existence of shallow, hard bedrock material, and infrastructure costs, utility improvements, and rail access improvements. Additional support will help the company with recruiting, hiring and training new workers to support the plant.

Combined Project Stats

- **Location:** Troy
- **Total capital investment:** \$250 million
- **Jobs created:** 150
- **Collaborators:** JobsOhio, Regional Growth Partnership, Dominion Energy, Northwestern Water & Sewer District, Wood County Economic Development Commission, Wood County commissioners

"Our company has a rich tradition in the glass industry and strong roots in Ohio, and we are pleased to expand our U.S. glass manufacturing here."

Richard Altman, regional director architectural glass and solar, NSG Group



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