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## **CHINESE GLASS MANUFACTURER WHTB RECEIVES BROOKHAVEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INCENTIVES FOR 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. OPERATION IN SHIRLEY**

Farmingville, New York (Nov. 15, 2017) – Frederick C. Braun III, chairman of the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (IDA) announced that the economic development agency has approved a package of incentives for a leading Chinese manufacturer of architectural glass that is building its first U.S. operation in a Shirley industrial park.

The incentives package for WHTB Glass LLC, an affiliate of Beijing Wuhua Tianbao Glass Co., Ltd. (WHTB), was approved at the IDA's Oct. 25 meeting. WHTB is building and equipping a 49,000-square-foot building on 4.23-acres of vacant land at 101 Precision Drive, southeast of Exit 68 of the Long Island Expressway, which provides a direct route to New York City.

“We are very excited about this project and incredibly pleased that WHTB is making a substantial investment in Brookhaven for its first U.S. operation. We hope that this opportunity will lead to additional foreign investment in our town,” said Braun.

The project, expected to take 15 months to complete, will cost an estimated \$18.9 million to \$20 million. The Town of Brookhaven Planning Board granted a zoning variance for the site on Oct. 2. The project is expected to generate 103 construction industry jobs and 143 permanent jobs.

“WHTB Glass could have selected anywhere in the United States for its first domestic manufacturing facility,” said WHTB's lawyer, Bram Weber of the Melville-based Weber Law Group. “It chose Brookhaven because the target property had industrial zoning in place, was part of a planned industrial subdivision, and the Town – Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilman Dan Panico, the Planning and Building Departments, and the Industrial Development Agency – showed from day one that they wanted WHTB in the Town of Brookhaven.”

WHTB is a manufacturer and supplier of industry-certified solar reflective glass, curved tempered glass, fire-resistant glass and composite glass products used in the construction of skyscrapers and other structures. The company plans to use the site to process, assemble and adjust window components shipped from China. Founded in 2002, WHTB has the largest architectural glass production facility in China, according to their website. The Shirley location is designed to reduce the turnaround and delivery time on products that now are shipped back and forth from China by sea.

### **About the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency**

Since 1971, the mission of the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency is to improve the quality of life for Brookhaven residents by promoting and assisting the growth of businesses that support the Town through capital investment and the creation and retention of jobs. The IDA has issued millions of dollars in tax-exempt or taxable bonds and provided assistance through straight lease deals to encourage companies to either locate or expand in the Town of Brookhaven. This assistance has been extended to companies both large and small, and has resulted in the direct creation of thousands of jobs for Brookhaven residents. The IDA has provided assistance to a wide range of companies, including Tate's Bake Shop, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Precision International, LI Precast, Uncle Wally's, and FramERICA. For more information, visit [BrookhavenIDA.org](http://BrookhavenIDA.org) or call 631-451-6563.

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