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J&J Snacks Announces Immediate Closure of Holly Ridge Facility Town Working with Partners to Support Approximately 48 Displaced Workers

HOLLY RIDGE, NC – The Town of Holly Ridge has received confirmation of the immediate and unexpected closure of the J&J Snacks manufacturing facility located within town limits. The closure, which occurred without advance notice, has resulted in the loss of approximately 48 jobs.

While no formal statement has been issued by the company at this time, Town officials were informed through the Onslow County Small Business Center that J&J Snacks' Human Resources directly communicated the closure to the Center, effective immediately on Thursday.

The Town is actively coordinating with Coastal Carolina Community College and NCWorks to aid displaced employees. Coastal Carolina Community College offers a wide range of free and low-cost services to help individuals transition back into the workforce or explore new career paths, including:

- **Career counseling and job readiness workshops**
- **Short-term training and certificate programs aligned with in-demand local industries**
- **Assistance with resume writing, interview preparation, and job placement**
- **Access to continuing education and upskilling opportunities**
- **Support services through their Small Business Center for individuals interested in entrepreneurship or self-employment**

Town officials are continuing efforts to establish direct contact with company representatives to obtain further clarity. In the meantime, the Town remains committed to supporting impacted workers and helping them navigate the next steps.

Individuals or organizations interested in assisting with recovery efforts, or employees seeking support, are encouraged to contact the Town of Holly Ridge at 910-329-7081 ext. 218. Our staff will work to ensure you are placed in touch with the correct organization and resources.