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Ritz-Craft Corp. builds 250th house at Hamlet plant

Stacy Stenberg/Richmond County Daily Journal
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It was a milestone. **Ritz-Craft Corp.** in Hamlet celebrated the completion of its 250th house Monday. "This is a great milestone," plant manager Dale Dixon said. "It seems like yesterday we were pulling the first house out."

The first house was produced in August 2005.

Ritz-Craft President Paul John, Vice President Eric John and Dixon all congratulated the employees on the accomplishment.

Eric John congratulated the staff and said the company is committed to growth.

"This is pretty neat for us," Paul John said.

He said there is a lot of teamwork and encouraged employees to keep doing what they were doing and look at every way to improve the customer's experience.

Paul John said the Hamlet plant began during a down time in the housing market, but it has been competitive through it all.

"You guys have accomplished a lot over two years," Paul John said. "The good thing is the best is yet to come."

Ritz-Craft builds system built homes. They are like stick built homes, but instead of being built on the house site they are built off site in a controlled factory setting.

"Every house is custom," Paul John said.

The building process begins with a brochure with a variety of designs and every order is a custom order, Paul John said.

Richmond County Development Director Rick Sago said "We're glad they came to Richmond County and glad they built their 250th house."

He said **Ritz-Craft** has been a great group of people to work with

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AMEX	2316.95	-10.59	↓
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Hamlet's **Ritz-Craft** plant is one of six in the company. There are four in Pennsylvania and one in Michigan.

The Hamlet plant is the youngest in the **Ritz-Craft** organization. The plant employs around 105 and there are plans to expand the operation as the market increases.

"We're extremely pleased with being in Richmond County," Paul John said.

From county officials and their cooperation to the workforce, he said he couldn't be any happier with the support from the county.

"The employees here are fantastic."

To mark the completion of the 250th house, employees were treated to a catered lunch.

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