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NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY EXPANDS INTO KINGSTON MARKET

The Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) is pleased to announce that The Master Group L.P., the largest private HVAC distributor in Eastern Canada is expanding in Ontario with a Kingston-based branch.

The Master Group has been a market leader in the fields of refrigeration, air-conditioning and heating for over 55 years. With two distribution centres, 14 branches from Eastern Ontario to the Maritimes and over 375 employees, the company is the largest independent distributor in Eastern Canada. Kingston will be home to the 15th Canadian branch with a newly expanded 7,000 square foot office/warehousing facility at 1225 Gardiners Road in the Cataraqui Industrial Estates.

“This expansion is a very important step for the Master Group. Kingston was identified as an active and dynamic community which offers a great location for a new branch,” notes Alain Fournier, Executive Vice President for The Master Group. “The Master Group is renowned for its products, service and large inventories and we see great market opportunity here. We look forward to becoming involved with the Kingston community and our team is ready to embrace its newest home.”

John Paul Shearer, KEDCO’s Director of Business Development adds, “We are delighted that once again Kingston has proved to be a top choice for national firms to seek expansion opportunities. The Master Group has an impressive history in Eastern Canada and Kingston will benefit from their ongoing growth and investment.”

The Master Group expansion will create an immediate three or four full-time jobs in Kingston with plans for up to 10 employees in the future. The Master Group is currently recruiting for Kingston management and support positions. Information on the company and recruitment activities can be found online at <http://www.master.ca> .

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