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GOVERNOR: ANAREN MICROWAVE CREATES 300 NEW HIGH-TECH JOBS
Wireless Communications Manufacturer Invests \$12 Million In East Syracuse Expansion

Governor George E. Pataki today announced Anaren Microwave Inc., a high-tech wireless communications company located in East Syracuse, will create 300 new high-tech jobs. The company will invest \$12 million to construct and equip a 56,000-square-foot plant addition, allowing more production room for the manufacturing of its wireless communication products.

"By cutting taxes, reducing workers' comp rates and slashing red tape, we have helped companies like Anaren create good, new jobs throughout Upstate," Governor Pataki said. "Anaren could have easily decided to expand in New Jersey, but chose Upstate New York because our economic policies continue to create a better business climate.

"Upstate's job growth, which beat the national average for the first time in 1999 in more than a decade, now consistently beats industrial states like Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Anaren's 300 great new jobs will keep this momentum going strong."

Anaren Microwave designs, develops, manufactures and sells highly integrated microwave component assemblies and subsystems for the wireless communications, satellite communications and defense electronics markets. The company currently has 550 workers and will create the 300 new jobs during the next three years.

Lawrence A. Sala, President and CEO of Anaren Microwave, said, "The continuing rapid growth of the wireless communications market has necessitated a significant expansion of our manufacturing facilities. We are very pleased to be able to continue our growth in Upstate New York where the company was founded more than 32 years ago."

Congressman Jim Walsh said, "I commend Governor Pataki and state officials for their work in assisting Anaren in this local expansion. This expansion's 300 new high-tech, telecommunications positions are the type of jobs needed to continue New York's economic revival across Upstate. These are jobs in which to build careers and put down roots here in Central New York."

Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann said, "I compliment Anaren who, like so many other high-tech firms, is showing its confidence in New York State. Economic growth, particularly in the related high-tech fields, is truly remarkable under the guidance of Governor Pataki and is testimony to the success of our vastly improved tax structure."

Anaren recently completed two acquisitions, R.F. Power Components, Inc. of Bohemia, New York and Ocean Microwave, Inc. of Neptune, New Jersey. Due to these acquisitions, as well as a need to increase manufacturing space, Anaren Microwave had to expand in either Neptune or East Syracuse.

The New York expansion, scheduled to begin in early 2001 and be completed in late 2001, entails the construction of a 56,000-square-foot addition to its current 110,000 square-foot office and manufacturing facility. Anaren will continue operations at both of its newly acquired locations.

Senator John DeFrancisco said, "These 300 new jobs are exactly the kind of good, high-paying jobs that we have worked so hard to bring to Central New York. Today's announcement that Anaren Microwave is expanding is the latest in a series of announcements that prove how the Senate Majority has worked hand-in-hand with Governor Pataki to improve the economic climate in our area. I am pleased to have been a part of that effort and will continue to work hard to bring even more good jobs to our region."

Onondaga County Executive Nicholas J. Pirro said, "We have supported Anaren in the past as a project of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency. We look forward to supporting Anaren's proposed expansion both with our I.D.A. and Empire Zone Programs. We are quite pleased that a company of Anaren's stature and reputation confirms Onondaga County's reputation as a good place to grow and prosper. We welcome the great news and especially the 300 new jobs."

Charles A. Gargano, Chairman of Empire State Development, said, "Governor Pataki's economic policies have given companies like Anaren Microwave the confidence to do business in New York. Because of the Governor's record achievements in areas like tax cuts, the State's economy has experienced a 14-fold increase in new and expanded corporate facilities since 1995. We applaud Anaren Microwave's wise decision to create 300 great new high-tech jobs for New Yorkers."

Anaren Microwave is located at 6635 Kirkville Road in East Syracuse. Anaren is a publicly traded company (NASDAQ C ANEN). More company information can be found on its web site at <http://www.anaren.com/>.

In consideration of its commitment to New York State's economic future, Anaren Microwave is eligible to apply for a \$250,000 infrastructure loan and a \$250,000 grant from ESD. The company is also eligible to apply for a \$100,000 STRAP employee training assistance grant.

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