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## Schlumberger buys Brookville area plant

No gas has been extracted but already the area is benefiting from the Marcellus Shale gas industry.

Schlumberger Technologies Corp. has purchased the former Trail-King manufacturing plant in Pine Creek Township. The international company will locate a centralized maintenance and re-manufacturing operation for its northeast region in the 183,000 sq. ft. building. The facility, which will service the company's stimulation, cementing and coiled tubing business lines, will be used for heavy equipment maintenance activities and as a location for training the company's field maintenance and operations personnel. The new location will improve the reliability and service delivery for Schlumberger's customers serving the Marcellus Shale industry.

The \$5.6 million project will create at least 51 new full-time jobs within three years and will retain 77 existing jobs statewide.

"Schlumberger had had a presence in Pennsylvania for more than 50 years and is committed to sustained, rewarding relationships with communities statewide where our employees live and work," said Warren Zelmak, Schlumberger North America vice-president of Well Services. "This project reflects that commitment and we look forward to becoming a productive member of the Jefferson County business community."

"We are very happy to welcome Schlumberger to Jefferson County," said Jefferson County Director of Community and Economic Development Craig Coon. "They are a leader in the oil and gas service arena and we hope to attract additional companies to Jefferson County in this rapidly expanding industry. We believe our central location in the Marcellus Shale, combined with our excellent workforce, will help Jefferson County grow in the future."

Schlumberger is the world's leading oilfield services company supplying technology, information solutions and integrated project management for customers working in the oil and gas industry. Employing about 78,000 people representing more than 140 nationalities and working in about 80 countries, Schlumberger provides the industry's widest range of products and services from exploration through production.

Zelmak said he anticipated starting operations in July.

The Jefferson County Department of Development worked with the Governor's Action Team to secure a \$286,700 funding offer from the Department of Community and Economic Development for the project. The offer includes a \$125,000 opportunity grant, \$22,950 in job training assistance and \$102,000 in job creation tax credits.



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