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Hardware materials company grows with move to Silverlake

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[Cook and Boardman Inc.](#), a 50-year-old door and hardware distributorship, has relocated its operations to Silverlake business park from Monroe Road, with the move nearly doubling its local presence.

The privately held company, which has about 50 local employees, had been in 18,500 square feet at 4520 Monroe Road for more than 40 years. It recently leased 32,500 square feet of the 106,000-square-foot Silverlake Building III at D. Ducks Lane and Westinghouse Boulevard.

While the move will not necessarily result in more jobs, it does provide more room for growth in newer space in a better location, says Charlie Zeigler, company president and chief executive.

Cook and Boardman caters primarily to the commercial construction markets, distributing doors and framing hardware. But the company recently branched into electronic security as well.

Besides its local operation, Cook and Boardman has satellite offices in Columbia and Greenville, S.C.

The company plans to use about 10,000 square feet of the Silverlake space for its offices, and the balance will be for warehousing, Zeigler says.

Joe Wilkinson of Southern Real Estate represented Cook and Boardman in lease negotiations.

Brad Cherry of Keystone Partners represented Silverlake owner Marc Silverman.

Brake maker opens local center

A remanufacturer of heavy-duty brakes for long-haul trucks has opened a Charlotte plant to serve its customers in the Southeast.

[Eastern States Friction Group](#), a division of Salt Lake City-based Page Group, recently leased 40,000 square feet at 601 E. Sugar Creek Road. The company, which has nine local employees, also operates a remanufacturing site in Salt Lake and 10 retail branches throughout the country, says Lori Newton, Charlotte division manager.

The company's goal is to eventually serve the Eastern Seaboard from Charlotte, Newton says.

Lester Osborn of Piedmont Properties handled lease negotiations with building owner Warehouse Solutions.

New use proposed for old rink

A limited liability company called [Little Saigon](#) recently paid \$1.25 million for the former Sk8 Central skating rink at 3646 Central Ave. and plans to convert it into a specialty grocery store and nail salon.

Thompson Realty Investments sold the 25,000-square-foot building and 2.7-acre tract.

Josh Beaver and Hampton Logan of The Nichols Co. represented Thompson Realty, and Thomas Tran of TT Realty and Investment Group represented Little Saigon.

A representative of the buyer could not be reached for comment.

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