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## **Gov. Haslam Attends Global Green Lighting Grand Opening Governor and Mayor Berke Tour GGL Facility, Speak at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

HIXSON, Tenn. — Gov. Bill Haslam joined Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke and local business and political leaders today at the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of Global Green Lighting's 180,000 square foot manufacturing facility.

Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, Haslam and Berke toured the facility with GGL President & CEO Don Lepard. The tour included a training and lighting demonstration as well as a tour of the manufacturing lines that were previously operating in China.

"I want to thank Global Green Lighting for their investment in Hixson and for bringing their offshore operations back to the U.S., creating quality jobs for Tennesseans," Haslam said. "Earlier this year we announced an international strategy to increase exports of Tennessee goods, and supporting companies like GGL that are taking their products to the worldwide market will help us in our effort to become the No. 1 state in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"Global Green Lighting is a great example of an innovative, local manufacturing company creating real jobs in our community, as well as highlighting Chattanooga's strong entrepreneurial spirit," said Mayor Andy Berke.

"Today marks a major milestone for our company," Don Lepard, President and CEO of Global Green Lighting, said. "GGL has designed, developed, produced and deployed our lighting technology right here in Tennessee. We've honored our commitment to bring manufacturing and jobs back to the U.S., and today GGL is producing lights for Chattanooga in Chattanooga."

### **About Global Green Lighting**

[Global Green Lighting](http://www.globalgreenlighting.com) (GGL) is an innovative technology company operating out of Chattanooga, Tennessee that designs and manufactures solid state components and low-energy lighting systems for municipal and commercial applications. GGL's low-energy light emitting diodes (LEDs) and induction lights combined with an outdoor lighting control system are expected to reduce energy consumption by 50-75 percent while lowering maintenance costs by as much as 75 percent. For more information, please visit [www.globalgreenlighting.com](http://www.globalgreenlighting.com).