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RAHALL SAYS ROSE LAUNDRY TO RE-OPEN OCTOBER 31ST

Huntington, W. Va. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall says that the Rose Laundry plant in Huntington will be the focus of a gala re-opening on October 31, 1987. Rahall has been working closely with a British firm that has rebuilt and expanded the burnt-out facility. The re-opening will put over 50 people back to work, and will create over 50 new jobs in the next two years.

Rahall announced the plans during a speech at the kick-off dinner for the "Main Street Project" at the Huntington Civic Center this evening. Rahall cited the re-opening as another step on Huntington's road back to economic stability. "Huntington is rapidly gaining a reputation as a city of progress," Rahall noted. "This latest venture will restore many jobs which were lost when the Rose Laundry facility burned down. I hope that the success of this recovery operation will prove to other firms across the country and around the world the good sense of doing business in West Virginia, and Huntington in particular."

The re-opening of the firm is expected to provide 50 immediate jobs to the area with a strong potential for even further growth. Initial, plc of Great Britain has made a \$2.5 million investment and made the Rose Laundry facility into one of the most modern, state-of-the-art facilities of its kind in the world.

Rahall praised the British firm of Initial, plc for their interest in and dedication to West Virginia. "I have been working very closely with this firm, both here and during a recent trip to London," Rahall said. "Throughout the entire process, I have been very impressed with the knowledge of our people and the interest in helping us that officials of Initial, plc have shown. I am confident that the success of this project will spur them on to even greater investments in West Virginia's future."

Initial, plc will hold a Board of Directors meeting in Huntington after the gala re-opening on October 31st, and are expected to discuss other projects in West Virginia. "Initial, plc is a major international subsidiary of B.E.T. Public Limited Company, U.K., a \$3 Billion British multinational that is the leading international service company," Rahall observed. "Initial, plc has the resources and the ability to make an even stronger commitment to our great state. I envision a long and fruitful relationship between Initial, plc and West Virginia."

Rahall said he will announce shortly further details for the Rose Laundry re-opening program.

Ironically, in making the announcement, Rahall was accompanied by a member of the British Parliament, Kevin Barron, who is accompanying Rahall to Huntington this weekend on an international exchange program.

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