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Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Provides Bond Financing to Longtime Cincinnati-based Kroner Dry Cleaners

The family-owned Cincinnati dry cleaner commits to sustainable solutions

Columbus – (June 16, 2020) – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) closed on \$135,000 in financing to Kroner Dry Cleaners on Friday, June 12. The Cincinnati-based, family owned dry cleaning and laundry business will be using the revenue bond to purchase and install two halogen-free solvent machines that use environmentally friendly solvents instead of perchloroethylene, a known carcinogen.

OAQDA is a non-partisan, independent public partner for local businesses that is committed to serving the economic and environmental needs of Ohio businesses and communities as they strive to reduce air emissions and achieve greater sustainability goals.

“Kroner Dry Cleaners has had an important impact on the local community for more than 80 years and now they are setting an example of environmental stewardship that sets the bar for other local, small businesses to be more environmentally friendly,” said Christina O’Keeffe, executive director, OAQDA. “Through this financing, Kroner is committing to further reduce its emissions and prioritize the health and safety of its customers.”

Kroner is Cincinnati’s oldest family owned dry cleaner and has been serving the Cincinnati community since 1939. The small business, with 25 employees at two locations, has a long-time dedication to the arts community in the greater Cincinnati area. Kroner has spent years supporting the Cincinnati Opera Cincinnati Ballet and Playhouse in the Park, among other arts and theatre programs, by providing care and cleaning of costumes.

This financing will support a reduction in emissions and improve the community’s air quality through use of the new equipment and Solvon K4 cleaning technology, which is non-toxic and biodegradable. Kroner is committed to environmentally friendly solutions and utilizes wet cleaning process that is labor intensive but uses less energy. Additionally, Kroner offers and encourages reusable garment bags to its customers.

“Through this partnership with OAQDA, we are able to upgrade our technology and ensure we are doing our part to support more sustainable solutions while continuing to provide needed services to our community,” said Raymond Kroner, president, Kroner Dry Cleaners. “This support will help us greatly reduce our emissions while providing healthier, more sustainable services to our customers.”

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with and go beyond clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, OAQDA has worked to improve air quality by supporting businesses, creating jobs and improving communities while enhancing the health and safety of all Ohioans. To date, OAQDA has awarded more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit ohioairquality.org.