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Local Physician's Office Certified in Empire Zone

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – The Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone is pleased to announce that Physician Office Based Surgery has been certified as an Empire Zone business. Located at 82 North Water Street in the city of Poughkeepsie, Physician Office Based Surgery is a facial, plastic, reconstructive, and laser surgery center operated by Dr. Manoj Abraham. This facility, located in the former piano factory, will eventually offer medical consultations, surgeries, and spa treatments by Dr. Abraham and his staff of licensed aestheticians provided by Haven spa of Rhinebeck, New York.

Dr. Manoj Abraham is double board certified, by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and also by the American Board of Otolaryngology (Head and Neck Surgery). Dr. Abraham graduated with honors from Cornell University Medical College and completed his residency at NYU Medical Center. He has practiced at UCLA and in Santa Barbara and is currently a clinical instructor at New York Ear & Eye Infirmary and New York Medical

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College. Dr. Abraham has been published in numerous scientific journals including *Modern Medicine* and *Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery*. He is also a member of a variety of organizations and uses his talents in many humanitarian efforts, including providing facial reconstructive surgery for an injured Iraqi interpreter and coordinating cleft lip/palate missions to help kids with congenital deformities. Says Theresa Kelly, Empire Zone Coordinator, "Dr. Abraham expects to hire and create 11 full-time equivalent jobs within the next 5 years. Five employees will earn a salary over \$40,000. The investment for the company is expected to total \$885,000 over the next five years."

Dr. Abraham plans to invest \$375,000 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment and an additional \$510,000 in medical supplies.

States Dr. Abraham: "I am pleased to be a part of the Empire Zone, as it facilitates the expansion of my practice in an ideal space. Because of Empire Zone incentives, I am now able to hire more staff, purchase the equipment we need, and provide the benefits my patients deserve."

The Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone was designated by New York State in July 1994. Its purpose is to spur growth in economically impacted areas. The Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone is administered through the Dutchess county Economic Development Corporation.

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