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Wellington Industries Selects Coosa County, Alabama

Coosa County, Alabama – The Director of the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance (LMAEDA), Don McClellan, announced today that Wellington Industries, Inc will establish a manufacturing facility in Coosa County, Alabama. Wellington is an American automotive supplier. The corporation will occupy a 60,000 square feet speculative building located at 20 McClellan Parkway in the Lake Martin Regional Industrial Park. Wellington Industries will initially invest an estimated \$8.9 million dollars and create 125 jobs.

Governor Robert Bentley stated, "I'm excited for what this means for Kellyton, Coosa County and the City of Alexander City, who are eager for well-paying jobs which will put hardworking people back to work. Wellington Industries will find no greater partner than the people of Alabama."

Mayor Barbara Young with the City of Alexander City said, "We are please to welcome Wellington Industries to the Lake Martin area. We feel that Wellington will be an excellent addition to our area. They fit nicely into Alexander City's overall diversity plan. Hopefully within two years they will be at full capacity production and employment".

Wellington Industries is a metal press company that has robotic welding as a part of their process. They are a company that prides themselves as a company that produces high quality products that develops trust with their customers. They have been in business over 40 years and have earned respect from their customers. Wellington believes this Alabama operation will add value and profit to their company as they deliver quality products to their customers.

"In the face of considerable economic challenges, I am so pleased at the news of Wellington's new facility which will be located in the Lake Martin Regional Industrial Park," added Coosa County Commission Chairman, Todd Adams. "As Commission Chairman, I am thrilled at the confidence of Wellington's decision to invest millions of dollars in our community, and the boost to our economy is evident by creating more jobs for our citizens. I anxiously look forward to working closely with our new partner Wellington for many years to come."

"The location of Wellington in the Lake Martin Regional Industrial Park in Kellyton, Alabama is outstanding news for our community," said Coosa County Probate Judge, Terry Mitchell. "Wellington will be a valuable asset to Coosa County, and its expansion speaks volumes about the commitment and confidence the company has to the local workforce. On behalf of the county, I commend all the local officials for making the best case that our community is a perfect fit for Wellington and I want to sincerely offer thanks to the governor and his administration for helping make this possible."

"Wellington Industries is very excited about the opportunity to locate its newest facility in Coosa County, Alabama. We intend to make considerable investment and create future jobs in the local community. We are looking forward to working with the State of Alabama, Coosa County, the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance and Authority and the great people of Alabama on growing our Southern manufacturing efforts", stated Marvin Tyghem, Chairman of Wellington Industries.

"With the announcement of Wellington Industries expanding to the Lake Martin Regional Industrial Park in Coosa County, this is another success story for the regional cooperation and approach in economic development in our area. The State of Alabama, the Coosa County Commission, the City of Alexander City and the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance all worked diligently together with the management team of Wellington to secure the necessary agreements to bring this project to a successful completion. We pledge our continued support as a business partner to the Wellington team" stated Marshall Griffin, Chairman of the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance.

Don McClellan stated "Wellington Industries is a first class company that will bring good paying jobs to the Lake Martin area and be a good corporate citizen as they do business in Alabama. The integrity of this company and their ability to deliver on time a quality product will make this community and the State of Alabama proud Wellington chose Alabama."