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Mitchell Plastics Establishes Operation in Chase Industrial Park

Huntsville, Ala – Mitchell Plastics, a division of Canada-based Ultra Manufacturing, has chosen Chase Industrial Park in Huntsville to locate its new U.S. manufacturing facility. The manufacturer was welcomed to Huntsville/Madison County this morning in ceremonies held at the Chamber of Commerce. "We are pleased to join with the City of Huntsville, the Madison County Commission, and the State of Alabama to support Mitchell Plastics and their decision to locate in Huntsville/Madison County. We look forward to a long, prosperous relationship," noted Brad Jones, vice chairman for economic development for the Chamber. Jones noted Mitchell Plastics has invested about \$6.5 million in equipment and building modifications and upgrades.

"We anticipate employment of about 75 to begin," said Peter Gibb, vice president of sales and marketing for Mitchell Plastics. He further anticipates that number to grow to about 100 employees by year two. The plant, which occupies the building formerly used by Bruderer, Inc., will produce automotive interior components for companies such as Toyota and DaimlerChrysler.

"We were attracted to Huntsville because of its skilled, available workforce. I've also found the area to be very much like the Kitchener/ Waterloo area in Ontario," added Gibb. Parent company Ultra Manufacturing, based in Waterloo, is a full service supplier of automotive interior plastic components and assemblies for both original equipment manufacturers and tier two customers.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer noted Huntsville/Madison County provides companies an innovative and entrepreneurial environment for growth. "Mitchell Plastics and other new employers such as Matsu Alabama—which took residence last year in the former Hitachi Seiki USA facility in Lowe Industrial Park— contribute tremendously to that entrepreneurial spirit. We place strong emphasis on attracting and supporting outstanding employers like Mitchell Plastics. I am pleased to help welcome Mitchell, and I am excited for the employees and their families who will benefit from this economic success for Huntsville." Notably, both Mitchell Plastics and Matsu Alabama are Canada-based automotive suppliers.

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Mike Gillespie, chairman of the Madison County Commission, commented on Mitchell Plastics' new location, "Chase Industrial Park continues to be an attractive and advantageous home for new and expanding employers. This is exactly the type employer envisioned when the commission developed Chase Industrial Park years ago. We are pleased to help welcome Mitchell to our Madison County family of companies, and we look forward to supporting both Mitchell Plastics and other Chase employers for years to come.

In addition to the City of Huntsville, the Madison County Commission and the Chamber, Mitchell Plastics was recruited and is being supported by the State of Alabama's Industrial Development Training Institute, the Alabama State Employment Service, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association and the Tennessee Valley Industrial Development Authority. "Our teamwork continues to make the economic development process successful for the community," noted Mayor Spencer.

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