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WABCO North America, LLC Opening Rochester Hills Facility

Rochester Hills, MI - WABCO North America, LLC, a tier-one supplier to the global commercial vehicle industry, plans to invest \$6.2 million for a new division in Rochester Hills (Oakland County) to expand its product offering into North America. The expansion is expected to create up to 929 total jobs, including 274 directly by the company, plus an additional 655 indirect jobs. State tax credits valued at \$1 million over five years were offered to secure the investment for Michigan.

“We’re expecting to create 50 jobs immediately,” said Jeff Stukenborg, Product Development Leader for WABCO, at a presentation to the Rochester Hills City Council on July 12. “We’re happy to be coming to Rochester Hills. The City has been great to work with and is already putting us in contact with local suppliers.”

The company chose Rochester Hills over competing sites in Indiana, Ontario, Auburn Hills and Orion Township. It will be occupying the 62,000-square-foot former headquarters of Shelby Township-based Avon Gear Co.

“This is an important win for Rochester Hills given the competition and economic environment,” said Rochester Hills Mayor, Bryan K. Barnett. “We have seen significant job growth in the first half of the year, and the vacancy rate in our industrial and technology parks, and unemployment rate continue to trend downward,” he added. Some of the other companies that recently announced locations in Rochester Hills include Lear Corporation, Gexpro, Mariah Industries, and Parker Hannifin.

Founded in 1869, WABCO has pioneered innovative electronic, mechanical and mechatronic technologies for braking, stability, and transmission automation systems supplied to commercial truck, trailer and bus manufacturers. WABCO’s executive offices are in Piscataway, New Jersey, and the company has 8,100 employees in 31 countries with 18 plant locations.

For more information about WABCO, visit its website, at <http://www.wabco-auto.com>

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills supports more than 200 tech-savvy businesses and offers a complete and diverse community. Recently voted one of the top 100 best places to live (2009) the City of Rochester Hills is committed to being the preeminent place to live, work and raise a family. For more information on Economic Development in Rochester Hills contact Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development (248.841.2577).

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