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**Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. to Consolidate Plant**  
**Creates Jobs in Rochester Hills**

Rochester Hills, MI- Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. will close one of its plants in another state and relocate the equipment and two sunroof assembly lines to a plant in Rochester Hills. The company has pledged to create 61 new jobs in Rochester Hills and will begin by recalling workers that it had laid off because of the shutdowns by General Motors and Chrysler, LLC. In addition, 153 existing jobs will be preserved.

“Webasto is one of the City’s largest employers,” said Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. “We have worked closely with Webasto’s president & CEO Brett Healy over the past few years and I was excited that they called us to explain their dilemma. So often businesses make these decisions without consulting with the communities in which they reside.”

President & CEO Brett Healy stated, “Unfortunately, the recent downturn in the automotive market created a situation where we have one too many assembly facilities. The responsiveness and financial incentives offered by the City of Rochester Hills and State of Michigan allowed us to keep our Rochester Hills Assembly plant open and transfer equipment and jobs from outside the State of Michigan to our Rochester Hills facility.”

“Webasto is very appreciative of the support that was received from both the City of Rochester Hills and the State of Michigan”, said Healy. “Both organizations were extremely responsive to our situation. Webasto has been in Rochester Hills for 25 years and pleased to see the recent shift by the City to being much more responsive to the needs of its businesses. The City was also instrumental in helping us receive the State of Michigan’s MEGA grant.”

The City Council approved an eight-year abatement of taxes on the transferred equipment, which will generate an estimated \$97,000 in new taxes to all taxing jurisdictions. The two tax credits approved by the MEGA Board total nearly \$1.7 million.

Webasto is the world’s largest supplier of sunroofs and services all of the Original Equipment Manufacturers. It opened its first U.S. facility in 1974 and has been located in Rochester Hills since 1984. Webasto’s North American headquarters and a technical center also are located in Rochester Hills.

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 City Planning and Development contact Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Planning & Development.

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