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**Leading Nat'l Auto Supplier Selects KC for Manufacturing Operation**

*US Farathane to create 267 new jobs, supply GM facility in Fairfax, Kansas*

Riverside, Mo. – US Farathane LLC, a leading source of plastics manufacturing that has supplied the automotive industry for more than 40 years, announced today it will locate its newest manufacturing operation in Riverside, Missouri. The company will hire 267 over the next three years, and will invest \$51.6 million.

“Riverside is right in the heart of the action—it’s close to OEMs, it has an experienced workforce, and a business-friendly environment. Expanding to the KC region puts US Farathane in a great position to better serve our customers and expand our presence in the automotive industry. We’re very excited about the opportunities available for us here,” said Andy Greenlee, president of US Farathane.

US Farathane evaluated sites in five states before selecting a 220,000-sq.-ft. spec building in the Horizons Business Park in Riverside. The primary product to be manufactured at the facility is a highly technical injection molding that improves function and reduces weight and complexity. USF will ship primarily to the Kansas City region, but also will use Kansas City as a central hub for certain product lines. The Riverside facility will primarily supply the GM Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Kansas.

“The Kansas City region is the second largest auto market based on trade with Canada and Mexico and we are thrilled to add another automotive supplier to our strong industrial economy,” said Bob Marcusse, president and CEO, Kansas City Area Development Council. “US Farathane joins a growing automotive cluster that is putting KC on the map as a major hub of American manufacturing.”

“This announcement is another prime example of the strong workforce located in the Platte County and the KC Metro. We are proud to be witness to the continued growth in manufacturing and welcome US Farathane to Riverside,” said Alicia Stephens, Executive Director of the Platte County Economic Development Council.

The Kansas City Area Development Council partnered with a number of regional organizations to attract US Farathane to the KC region including the State of Missouri, Missouri Partnership, Platte County Economic Development Council, City of Riverside, NorthPoint Development, Arco Construction, KCP&L, Metropolitan Community College and KC SmartPort.

**About US Farathane**

Auburn Hills, Michigan-based US Farathane has been a leading source of plastics manufacturing, supplying the automotive industry for over 40 years. Through highly technical research and development, coupled with a diverse and knowledgeable management team and dedicated associates, US Farathane has continued to grow each year. US Farathane is a privately held company with annual sales above \$500,000,000. The company employs more than 2,700 and has ten U.S. manufacturing locations. <http://www.usfarathane.com/>

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