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Hydroforming manufacturer expands in KC Vari-Form to invest more than \$8 million in first U.S. facility

June 8, 2007 LIBERTY, Mo. - Vari-Form Inc. selected Liberty, Mo. for a new manufacturing facility. The decision will create more than 40 new jobs for area residents.

"We want to thank the regional, state, and city-level economic development teams that helped streamline the site selection process, the central location of the new Liberty facility will serve our North American market well, logistically," said Stephen Dow, President of Vari-Form.

"The Liberty area is pleased that Vari-Form chose our community for their first U.S. site. This project brings with it everything a community wants – jobs, investment and enhancement to the economic well-being of the area," said Alicia Stephens, executive director of the Partnership for Community Growth & Development.

"New payroll and facility investment will be multiplied throughout the Liberty area. Through this project's process, the Liberty team proved its willingness to do what it takes to attract new business," added Stephens.

"This is a great example of the teamwork in Clay County, the city of Liberty, Oakwood Business Park and the Partnership for Community Growth. We all worked together to make it fast and easy for Vari-Form to locate here," said Jim Hampton, executive director for the Clay County Economic Development Council.

Hampton added, "Combining the ease of doing business with the great infrastructure, good schools and quality workforce is a win for Liberty, Clay County and Vari-Form. We welcome them."

"I am pleased to welcome Vari-Form to the Show-Me State and Liberty where they will find an exceptional workforce and an outstanding community," said Greg Steinhoff, director for the

Missouri Department of Economic Development. This is a tremendous opportunity for working families in the region. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with such a promising company.”

“Kansas City’s strong workforce continues to meet the needs of a growing and evolving manufacturing industry,” said Bob Marcusse, president and CEO of the Kansas City Area Development Council.

KCADC Partners

The Kansas City Area Development Council partnered with **KC SmartPort**, the **State of Missouri**, **Liberty’s Partnership for Community Growth**, **Aquila** and the **Clay County EDC** in assisting Vari-Form with its expansion.

About Vari-Form

The originator of structural automotive hydroforming, Vari-Form’s technology is used to manufacture more than 7 million parts a year worldwide. Vari-Form began volume production using their patented Pressure Sequence Hydroforming (PSH) process in 1990. Today, Vari-Form is the industry leader, with over 40 million parts produced to date.

Vari-Form has won numerous consecutive-year contracts and awards for supplier excellence from its OEM and Tier One customers. The company operates sales offices in Michigan and Japan, and manufacturing facilities in Strathroy, Ontario and Reynosa, Mexico. For additional information about Vari-Form, see www.vari-form.com, or contact Scott Swinerton at 586.755.8931, sswinerton@vari-form.com.