

MEMORANDUM

July 16, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Nissan press conference

The press conference will begin at 10:30am in the Old Supreme Court Chamber at the Capitol. You will be seated at a table next to the podium; your place will be marked with a name plate.

Emil Hassan will speak first, recognizing you and Nissan officials. He will then introduce Dan Gaudette, Senior VP of US Manufacturing, who will give an update on the construction in Canton.

After Gaudette speaks, Hassan will introduce each of the suppliers. They will not be speaking at this time; rather, they will be available for questions at the end. Charles Doty will be invited to make brief remarks. After Doty, Hassan will introduce you.

The suppliers are:

- CalsonicKansei North America, represented by Neal Burgoyne, VP of Sales. They will build two plants in Mississippi – a 36,000sf factory next to the Nissan plant, and another 80,000sf plant in Vicksburg. They will partner with a minority-owned company to supply front-end modules, exhaust systems, catalytic converters and air conditioning.
- Johnson Controls, represented by VP Tom Bobo. They will build the seats for the cars out of a 120,000sf facility to be built in the Canton Industrial Center.
- Mi-Tech Steel, represented by President Stuart Ray. They will process coiled steel out of an 80,000sf facility to be built in the Canton Industrial Center.
- Systems Electro-Coating Incorporated is a joint venture between PPG Industries and Systems Consultants Associates. Richard Zahren, VP of Automotive Coatings, will represent PPG; Toni Cooley will represent Systems Consultants. They will be building a 125,000sf facility in Canton Industrial Center to apply primer to parts before delivery to Nissan.
- T&WA, represented by Tommie Burns, Chairman and CEO. They will build a 36,000sf facility next to the Nissan plant to provide tire and wheel

assemblies. Tommie Burns was born in Utica and grew up in MS. This is a minority-owned firm.

- Tower Automotive, represented by Jim Bernard, VP for Sales and Marketing. Tower will provide frames for Nissan built in a 160,000sf plant in the Canton Industrial Center.
- Visteon and Lextron Corporation will partner to supply two modules to Nissan. Visteon is represented by Susan Skerker, Senior VP of Business Strategy and Corporate Relations; Lextron is represented by Charles Doty. They will work out of a 97,500sf plant to be built next to Nissan.

Total investment numbers are not available, but it is expected that \$120M will be invested in new plants with approximately 1,000 new jobs.