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Event: General Dynamics to dedicate new Hydra-70 rocket production-support facility in Stone County, Mississippi

When: Tuesday, August 6, 2002
11:00 – 12:00: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
12:00 – 1:00: Lunch and tour of exhibits

Where: General Dynamics' Stone County Operations
Directions enclosed

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Background:

Officials from General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products and Best Foam Fabricators will dedicate a new 16,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility at General Dynamics' Stone County operations in McHenry, Miss. The building, which was built by General Dynamics, will become the manufacturing center for Best Foam's aerospace and defense operation, providing specialty packaging in support of the General Dynamics Hydra-70 rocket program.

General Dynamics currently leases 465 acres of land and owns 35,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space in Stone County. The primary activity of the operation is production and assembly of components in support of the Hydra-70 rocket program.

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In addition to specialty packaging material for the rocket program, Best Foam will also produce highly specialized foam insulation that is used to protect aircraft fuel cells, radar domes, munitions systems and other sensitive equipment used in the aerospace and defense industry as part of its growing aerospace business. Together, General Dynamics and Best Foam plan to employ between 40 and 45 workers in Stone County.

The Hydra-70 2.75-inch rocket is the most widely used helicopter weapon system in the world today. It is fired from many rotary and fixed-wing platforms, including the U.S. Army Apache and Marine Corps Cobra helicopters, the Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon and the combat aircraft of 15 nations worldwide. The Hydra-70 meets a variety of special mission requirements and can defeat a broad range of enemy threats. It is a combat-ready system that has proved itself versatile, effective and affordable and has been selected for integration on many new helicopter programs around the world.

General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), provides a broad range of product solutions for a full range of military applications as well as commercial markets. The company designs, develops and produces high-performance armament systems, advanced composite-based products, portable biological and chemical detection systems, tactical deception equipment and mobile shelter systems. In addition, Armament and Technical Products provides system management for several key Department of Defense programs, including the Hydra-70 system. More information about the company can be found on the World Wide Web at www.gdatp.com.

General Dynamics, headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, employs approximately 54,000 people worldwide and anticipates 2002 revenues of approximately \$14 billion. The company has leading market positions in land and amphibious combat systems, mission-critical information systems and technologies, shipbuilding and marine systems, and business aviation.

Best Foam Fabricators, a minority-owned company, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, employs over 100 people in three U.S. locations. They make highly specialized acoustical, cushioning and packaging products in support of the aerospace, defense, automotive and transit industries. They serve a large number of Fortune 500 companies and have been in business since 1981. More information about the company can be found on the World Wide Web at www.bff.com.

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**Directions to General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products
Stone County Operations**

Hwy 49 south from Jackson, MS

The plant is located 135 miles south of Jackson, MS off Hwy 49. It is located in Stone County, 10 miles south of Wiggins. Once you pass the Wiggins exit signs on Hwy 49, look for Pecan House signs on billboards. Once you pass the Pecan House on your right, take the next left. Go straight down the road in front of you – this is East McHenry Road. We are 2-1/2 miles down this road on the right. If you run out of pavement, you have gone too far.

North on Hwy 49 from Gulfport, MS

The plant is located 20 miles north of Gulfport, off Hwy 49. Once you pass the Stone County marker, begin looking for the McHenry sign – approximately 1 mile. Once you pass the McHenry sign, take the next right. You will turn right past where there is a lot of dirt excavation work. This is E. McHenry Road. Go down this road 2-1/2 miles and we are on the right.