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**GOVERNOR MUSGROVE AND DESERT PLASTICS ANNOUNCE
NEW FACILITY IN SUMMIT**

***\$1.5 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL CREATE QUALITY JOBS FOR LOCAL
WORKERS***

JACKSON, Miss., - Governor Ronnie Musgrove, the Mississippi Development Authority and Pike County officials along with Desert Plastics executives announced today that the company plans to open an operation in the Pike County community of Summit. The Desert Plastics Mississippi, LLC project represents an investment of \$1.5 million and will create initially 25 quality jobs for local workers and upwards to 50 in the next two years.

“We are pleased to welcome Desert Plastics to Mississippi. The confidence your company has in Mississippi and its work force sends a strong signal to business and industry that Mississippi is a good place to do business,” said Governor Musgrove. “We appreciate the quality jobs and development that Desert Plastics brings to this community.”

“Desert Plastics, a Phoenix-based company, has selected Summit, Mississippi to set up a new plastic film and bag manufacturing business to effectively service the eastern half of the United States and is looking forward to a long term relationship at the state and local levels. It is very rare when a company can find in the same state, both a commitment from government, both local and state to support new business coming into a state and a workforce with an excellent work ethic as is seen in Mississippi. We, as a company and as Americans, appreciate the ‘get it done’ attitude as put forth in Mississippi,” said Scott Knowles, vice president, Desert Plastics.

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“We are pleased to have a company like Desert Plastics choose Pike County, Mississippi as a location for their eastward expansion. I am very impressed by the caliber of people I have dealt with at Desert Plastics, and their commitment to quality in their products, their employees and in their business relationship. I am happy to welcome Desert Plastics of Mississippi as a corporate citizen in Pike County and Summit, Mississippi,” said Britt Herrin, executive director, Pike County Economic Development District and Chamber of Commerce.

Operational plans include 2-3 production lines initially with other lines added into service within 2-3 years.

“Once again, we have demonstrated our ability to compete with other states for new business. One of our programs, Advantage Mississippi, our blueprint for economic development, played a part in the company’s decision to locate in Summit,” said Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., executive director, Mississippi Development Authority. “We welcome our newest corporate citizen.”