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**YOROZU TO HOLD GRAND OPENING**

FLOWERS, Miss – The official grand opening of Yorozu Automotive Mississippi Inc.'s new manufacturing facility, a supplier to the Nissan North America plant under construction in Canton, Mississippi, has been set. The ceremony will be held May 1, 2003, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Ceres Research and Industrial Interplex on Interstate 20 in Flowers, which is just east of Vicksburg.

According to the Warren County Port Commission, Yorozu is the only company in the world that manufactures an aluminum suspension system for the automotive industry. The manufacturing process involves some of the most advanced robotics in the world, the commission said.

“Yorozu’s confidence 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 Ronnie Musgrove. “We appreciate the quality jobs and development you bring to Mississippi.”

The 82,000-square-foot building, land and equipment represent a capital investment of \$18.2 million. The Yorozu plant is expected to employ 125 in the first phase.

Jack Uemura, president of Yorozu, and Governor Ronnie Musgrove will conduct the grand opening.