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## **Governor Musgrove Praises Passage of Howard Industries Package**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove said today that the passage of a \$31.5 million economic incentive package for Howard Industries signals the state’s dedication to homegrown industry.

“Our commitment to the growth of existing Mississippi businesses is strong,” Musgrove said. “By investing in a company with deep roots in this state, we are creating 2,000 new jobs for Mississippi in the midst of a national recession.”

The incentive package focuses on site development, infrastructure, job training and employee recruitment.

Musgrove said the Advantage Mississippi Initiative, passed in a special session two years ago, was tailor-made for situations like Howard Industries.

“Advantage Mississippi is the most aggressive economic development package in the country, and we have used it again today to Mississippi’s advantage,” he said. “I appreciate the hard work of the Legislature in bringing us to this point.”

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