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Governor Musgrove Calls Special Session to Address Nissan Expansion

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today called for a special session of the Mississippi Legislature to address an economic development package in support of an expansion of the Nissan project. The special session is scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2002.

“After consultation with the legislative leadership, I am calling a special session to support a major expansion of the Nissan project in Mississippi, an expansion that will mean more jobs and a greater investment in our state,” Musgrove said.

In November 2000, Nissan announced it would locate its newest North American facility in Canton, MS. The \$930 million facility is expected to create 4,000 new jobs. Additional suppliers for the plant will invest millions more and create several thousand more jobs.

The first vehicles are scheduled to roll off the assembly line in 2003. The facility is currently under construction, and is ahead of schedule and under budget.

“This entire project with Nissan has shown the world that Mississippi is able to compete at the highest levels of the global marketplace,” said Musgrove. “I’m here to say that Mississippi is showing its competitiveness again.”

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