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## **Governor Musgrove: American Eurocopter's Choice of Mississippi Sends Strong Signal**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove said today that American Eurocopter's decision to locate its newest plant in Mississippi sends a strong signal around the nation and the world that the state is a good place to do business. American Eurocopter broke ground today on their facility at Golden Triangle Regional Airport.

“We worked hard to bring American Eurocopter to Mississippi, and the results of that work will be found in new jobs and investments in the Golden Triangle area,” Musgrove said. “Their choice to come to Mississippi was a good one, and we remain committed to working with them in years to come.”

Musgrove worked closely on the project, along with officials from the Mississippi Development Authority, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Mississippi State University, East Mississippi Community College at Mayhew, and local economic development officials and business leaders.

“Mississippi is rapidly becoming known as a destination for industry,” said Steve Hale, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority. “We’ve worked closely with American Eurocopter and our local partners to provide the foundation for this high-tech industry and its potential for future growth.”

American Eurocopter joins the list of more than 2,300 businesses to locate or expand in Mississippi during the past three years, a time in which more than 54,000 new jobs have been created. The opening of American Eurocopter is expected to create approximately 100 new jobs.

“The partnership that made this groundbreaking possible was focused on doing what was necessary to create good jobs and investments for Mississippi, and our work paid off,” said Musgrove. “We will continue to build partnerships that make a positive difference in the lives of the people of our state.”

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