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Hamlin Officially Breaks Ground In Greenwood

(Greenwood, MS) - A groundbreaking ceremony for Hamlin Sheet Metal Company, Inc. was held today in Greenwood. The company's newest facility will be located in the Greenwood-Leflore Industrial Park and is scheduled to open in March 2004.

"Hamlin Sheet Metal is a welcome addition to Leflore County and the Mississippi business community," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. "Today's groundbreaking demonstrates the ongoing potential that is available for economic growth and prosperity in our state."

Hamlin will manufacture spiral ductwork in the 70,000-square foot facility to be built on approximately 11 acres in the Greenwood-Leflore Industrial Park. The company is investing \$3 million in the facility, which will create 25 initial jobs. That number is expected to grow to 45 or 50 jobs over the next 3 years.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) worked with Leflore County officials to secure the project through various incentive programs and other technical assistance.

"On behalf of Mississippi, MDA is pleased that Hamlin has chosen to expand their business ventures into Mississippi," said Steve Hale, Executive Director of MDA. "Their commitment to our state demonstrates what we can accomplish when government and private enterprise work together to create jobs and invest in Mississippi's future."

Hamlin Sheet Metal, part of the Hamlin Companies established in 1954, manufactures a full line of custom and standard-size pipes, fittings, and connectors in a variety of metals. Combining the resources of state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and highly trained craftspeople, Hamlin Sheet Metal's products are "mass customized" to deliver on time and on budget. In response to customer needs, the newest Hamlin Sheet Metal offering is a line of self-sealing products, which make field installation quick and easy.

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