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Fleetwood RV, Inc. Names Indiana New Headquarters

DECATUR, Ind. (Aug. 19, 2009) - Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from recreational vehicle manufacturer Fleetwood RV, Inc. to celebrate the company's plant reopening in Decatur.

Following the sale of Fleetwood Enterprises' motor home division and Goldshield Fiberglass assets to private-equity firm, American Industrial Partners Capital Fund IV LP in July, the newly established Fleetwood RV has recalled over 600 associates and plans to create an additional 300 jobs at its Decatur headquarters by 2012.

Under the company's new ownership, Fleetwood RV is consolidating its California and Pennsylvania manufacturing operations to Decatur. Plans call for \$7.4 million in new investment toward building improvements, machinery and equipment and retooling. In addition, the company will relocate \$8 million in equipment from its out-of-state operations.

This is the latest of several recent business consolidations into Indiana, including Dometic, a manufacturer of recreational vehicle accessories, which is consolidating operations from Sweden and Mexico to Indiana and expanding its facilities in Elkhart and LaGrange counties.

"Indiana is determined to make opportunity from hard times. We're reaching out to companies like Fleetwood and saying, if you are consolidating, do it in Indiana. Jobs have been coming to Indiana from everywhere," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Fleetwood RV is currently hiring manufacturing personnel and will continue to make significant staffing additions over the next three years.

"The decision to establish our company headquarters in Decatur was two-fold," said John Draheim, president of Fleetwood RV. "First and most importantly, was the high-caliber workforce in the area, and the second was the cooperation from the state and city to develop a plan that would be best for the company, the local community and the RV industry as a whole."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Fleetwood RV up to \$9 million in performance-based tax credits and up to \$100,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The Decatur City Council approved additional property tax abatement at

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