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Equipment Upgrades Mean New Jobs for Elkhart County Company

ELKHART, Ind. (Feb. 25, 2010) - Heat treating service provider, Specialty Heat Treating, Inc. announced today it will expand its facility here, a move that is estimated to create up to 26 jobs by 2012.

The Michigan-based company plans to invest \$1.5 million to add a new vacuum furnace to its existing 33,000 square-foot facility in Elkhart. The new furnace will provide additional capacity to its vacuum heat treating services, a process which enhances the properties of steel in a protective atmosphere. Installation for the new furnace will begin in May with production beginning in August.

"This company and more than a dozen others that chose to invest in this region last year remind us that you can't keep a great workforce and a great business environment down for long," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "Specialty Heat Treating's expansion gives us yet another reason to be optimistic about Elkhart County's economic resurgence."

Established in 1973, Specialty Heat Treating serves manufacturers and machining service providers within the aerospace, automotive, defense, medical products and heavy equipment markets. The company currently employs 12 associates in Elkhart and plans to begin adding production personnel in May.

"In today's economic times, we are happy to say that we are continuing to grow and expand in the communities that we operate," said Paula Smith, Specialty Heat Treating vice president of organizational development.

The company is known for processing specialized, high-end components from its three production facilities in Michigan and Indiana. In addition to the new furnace capabilities, the firm also offers vacuum gas quench, gas nitriding, atmosphere and induction processing. Specialty Heat Treating is ISO/TS 16949:2002 and NADCAP certified.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Specialty Heat Treating, Inc. up to \$270,000 in performance-based tax credits and up to \$2,500 in training grants based on the

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