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HUDSONVILLE, MI.—Royal Technologies Corporation announced at a press conference in Alabama today plans to construct a new manufacturing facility that will serve the company's growing customer base in the Southeast.

The new manufacturing facility will be located in Cullman County, Alabama, a community of 80,000 people situated on Interstate 65 between Birmingham and Huntsville in the northern portion of the state.

Company founder and owner Jim Vander Kolk said a ground breaking date has not been scheduled. However, expanding to the south offers Royal the ability to better serve the company's existing customer base in the south and offers Royal additional new business opportunities to continue to grow business, according to Vander Kolk. "This new development will only strengthen Royal Technologies and help us insure the future viability of the jobs in Michigan and the new jobs we anticipate creating in Cullman."

Royal is purchasing 26.6 acres of land in Cullman Industrial Park # 5 and ultimately plans to construct a building for plastic injection molding, assembly, decorating, and foam molding. The Alabama operation will be the first Royal facility outside of West Michigan.

Founded in 1987, Royal Technologies, (formerly known as Royal Plastics) has three manufacturing facilities and a corporate center near Grand Rapids. The company has nearly one million square feet of floor space in the operations near Grand Rapids with 800 employees.

"We have enjoyed great success in Michigan and will continue to focus our efforts to grow in Michigan, but the Southeastern part of the U.S. has shown tremendous manufacturing growth and we want to capture a portion of that business," Vander Kolk said. "I see this expansion as necessary for a healthy Royal Technologies future."

Vander Kolk says the land acquisition postures Royal to be ready "to expand quickly" when the economy rebounds.

Royal Technologies is a diversified manufacturer supplying products and services to the office furniture, automotive, and consumer products industries.

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