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**GOVERNOR BARBOUR ANNOUNCES TOYOTA SUPPLIER
TO LOCATE IN NEW ALBANY**

***Vuteq USA to create 130 jobs at its plant, up to 500 more at main Toyota
facility***

(JACKSON, Mississippi) – Governor Haley Barbour announced today that Vuteq USA, Inc. will build its newest manufacturing facility to supply Toyota in the North Mississippi city of New Albany. The \$31 million plant is expected to open in 2009, employing 130 people.

Vuteq will provide more than 50 injection molded parts as well as the assembly of the deckboard and assembly of various component parts to glass, such as the back window and front and rear door windows. Vuteq will begin production to coincide with the start-up of Toyota's new Highlander SUV plant. Up to 500 people are expected to be employed by Vuteq to work at the Toyota facility.

“Vuteq USA’s decision to locate in New Albany further demonstrates Mississippi’s commitment to partner with automotive suppliers to create a winning situation for the company, the community in which it will locate, and the state,” Governor Haley Barbour said. “I join New Albany and Union County in welcoming its newest corporate citizen and the new jobs that will be created by this fine company.”

“Vuteq is proud to be a new member of the New Albany community. During the process of selecting sites the overwhelming attribute of New Albany was its friendly and welcoming nature. All of us within the Vuteq organization are excited about the potential of this New Albany facility. We want to acknowledge the hard work of the Mississippi Development Authority and the members of the Union County Development Association. Without their efforts we would not be here today. Vuteq is looking forward to establishing long term relationships within the community and surrounding area.” said Chris Spence, president, Vuteq Canada, Inc. who will oversee the new Mississippi facility.

In February, Toyota announced that it would invest \$1.3 billion in its eighth North American manufacturing facility in Blue Springs. Eventually, 2,000 direct jobs will be created once the



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plant is at full production capacity, and another 4,900 spin-off, or indirect jobs are expected to be created within five years of the plant's opening.

The state's contribution for Vuteq USA totals \$1.5 million towards infrastructure and \$3 million in tier one supplier training funds.

"We are pleased that the legislature's foresight to provide tier one supplier funding has created another 130-plus jobs that will enhance the economy of North Mississippi and the state as a whole," said Gray Swoope, Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority.

About Vuteq

Vuteq U.S.A is a solely owned subsidiary of Vuteq Corporation, a Japan based company. Vuteq U.S.A. has facilities located in Georgetown, KY, Princeton, IN, Normal, IL and Hayward, CA. Related companies also include Vuteq Canada Inc., in Woodstock, Ontario, Vutex, in San Antonio, TX. and Vuteq Engineering in Georgetown, KY. The Vuteq North America companies provide a variety of services to its customers including the manufacturing and sequential delivery of interior Door Trim, Package trays, Instrument Panels and a variety of other automotive parts. Vuteq U.S.A. first located in Kentucky in 1986. Information regarding Vuteq may be obtained at www.vuteqeng.com.

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