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HARDIN COUNTY WELCOMES NEW JAPANESE MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO KENTON ***Sekisui Plastics Solution Company selects Ohio site for second U.S. facility expansion***

Kenton, OH – The Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance is pleased to announce and welcome Sekisui Plastics USA, Inc to Hardin County, as they choose the State of Ohio and a local existing facility in Kenton to expand their second U.S. manufacturing operations.

The company will move into the current facility on 68 south in Buck Township.

Sekisui manufactures plastic products for a variety of industries including automotive, food service, protective packaging and construction. The company expects to create 50 new full-time positions, generating \$1.7 million in annual payroll as a result of the company's new location.

“We are excited and ready to welcome Sekisui Plastics USA, Inc. and their advanced manufacturing operation to Hardin County,” said John Hohn, Director of Economic Development for the Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance. “This project came together because of great collaboration between the Regional Growth Partnership, Jobs Ohio, American Electric Power, Hardin County, City of Kenton, Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance and our local building owner. This announcement continues to justify that Hardin County has the workforce and transportation logistics necessary for manufacturing growth.”

Officials at Sekisui Plastics credited the region's geographic location in the Midwest as a key factor in its decision as well as the known productivity and reliability of the workforce.

For more information, please see the attached press release issued by the company.

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More About the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance

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