



MöllerTech opens \$46.3 million Birmingham plant

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – March 14, 2018 – German automotive supplier MöllerTech officially opened its \$46.3 million state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Bibb County this week. Alabama Department of Commerce Secretary Greg Canfield joined MöllerTech executives from Germany to cut the ribbon for the facility, which will employ up to 222 people in the Scott G. Davis Industrial Park.

“MöllerTech is a family enterprise whose roots date back to 1730, and I am thrilled to see this world-class company open its newest manufacturing facility in Alabama,” said Secretary Canfield. “Thanks to significant job creation, this facility will have a long-lasting economic impact on Bibb County while also positioning it for additional auto industry growth.”

MöllerTech has built a 150,000-square-foot facility in the Scott G. Davis Industrial Park, near Interstate 20/59 in northern Bibb County, near the Woodstock community. It will manufacture interior parts for the next generation Mercedes-Benz SUVs, which are part of the \$1.3 billion expansion Mercedes announced in 2015.

MöllerTech has two U.S. facilities, in Elberton, Ga., and Shelby Township, Mich. The Birmingham facility will serve as the company’s flagship manufacturing facility, incorporating innovative ideas and best practices from other operations in the company’s manufacturing footprint, said MöllerTech’s North American President and CEO Steve Jordan.

“Bibb County is the perfect location for our new state-of-the-art facility,” said Steve Jordan, MöllerTech’s North American president and CEO. “We are deep in the heart of the automotive industry in the Southeast in a region that, like MöllerTech, is continually improving. The team at MöllerTech believes in *kaizen*, where every day we strive to be better than we were yesterday, and we are in a region that will allow us to flourish as the automotive industry evolves.”

The company has already hired approximately 50 people and is currently seeking positions in Quality, Maintenance, Production Planning and Production Operatives.

MöllerTech will share the Scott G. Davis Industrial Park with Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, which is building a \$248.2 million Global Logistics Center and after-sales North American hub that will employ nearly 700 people. The park is approximately 11 miles from the Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance, Ala. Once Mercedes is up and running, the Birmingham seven-county region will be home to 16 German-based companies that employ approximately 6,700 people.

"We are proud to welcome MöllerTech to Bibb County and to the Scott G. Davis Industrial Park," said Bibb County Commissioner Ricky Hubbard. "The legacy that Mr. Davis left with the creation of this industrial park will sustain our community for years to come, and the addition of MöllerTech and Mercedes-Benz to the park positions Bibb County for future growth."

MöllerTech worked closely with the Bibb County Commission, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, Alabama Power Co., Spire and the Birmingham Business Alliance to make the project a reality.

"Seeing a project like MöllerTech come to life, from beginning to end, in the Bibb County community has been amazing," said Lee Smith, 2018 Chairman for the Birmingham Business Alliance and East Region Executive for BBVA Compass. "Jobs can transform communities and we've already begun to see that happen in Bibb County with the addition of MöllerTech, followed by Mercedes-Benz."

About MöllerTech

MöllerTech is the automotive arm of German-based MöllerGroup, which is a family-owned company almost 1800 employees worldwide and a history that goes back nearly 300 years. It develops and produces interior parts for the automotive industry including Audi, BMW, Daimler, GM, Honda, Porsche, Rolls-Royce and Toyota.

About the Birmingham Business Alliance

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