

Auto supplier Mobis expanding into Birmingham region, creating 120 jobs and investing \$15.8M

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – November 2, 2020 – Auto supplier Mobis US Alabama LLC, a subsidiary of Seoul, South Korea's Hyundai Mobis, will open a new facility at the Jefferson County Metropolitan Industrial Park in McCalla, adding 120 jobs within three years of the project's completion and \$15.8 million in capital investment as part of the project. This will be the company's second location in Alabama. Its existing facility in Montgomery County supplies Hyundai's plant in Montgomery and Kia's plant in West Point, Ga.

"Mobis is excited about opening its second facility in Alabama, this time utilizing the great workforce in the Jefferson County area," said James Jeon, Program Manager for Mobis US Alabama. "We are thankful for the tremendous support we have received from the Jefferson County Commission, the City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Business Alliance, and we look forward to being a part of this dynamic community."

The Jefferson County Metropolitan Industrial Park – often referred to as JeffMet McCalla – is currently home to 13 companies, seven domestic and six international. Mobis will join Publix and Home Depot at the park, as well as fellow auto suppliers like Gestamp and Yanfeng. The park has been an economic driver in Jefferson County since it opened in 2000.

"Jefferson County is proud to be the home of another reputable automotive supplier and, specifically, to see that home be in our JeffMet McCalla Industrial Park alongside others in the automotive industry," said Jefferson County Commissioner Steve Ammons. "Mobis' creation of these 120 jobs continues to prove that Jefferson County is a key player in Alabama's automotive industry."

The Birmingham Business Alliance (BBA) has worked with Mobis on this project since 2018, bringing the idea for the new facility to the company and working with Mobis on incentives to support it.

Brian Jennings, vice president of economic development at the BBA, said this project further represents the Birmingham region's increasingly strong presence in the automotive industry.

"To land this partnership with Mobis is a tremendous win for Jefferson County at a critical time for jobs and investment," Jennings said. "This project, when operational, will provide impacts beyond those in jobs and investment and put our region closer to building a cluster of next-generation automobile technologies and manufacturers."

The Birmingham Business Alliance is the lead economic development organization for the Birmingham region. For more information about the BBA visit its website at <u>www.birminghambusinessalliance.com</u>.

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