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### ***ALABAMAGERMANYPARTNERSHIP TO RECOGNIZE NEW INVESTMENTS AND EXPANSION OF GERMAN COMPANIES IN 2010***

*Seth Hammett to present Recognition at AlabamaGermany Partnership Annual Dinner on  
Thursday, March 3*

Birmingham, AL, March 3, 2011. The AlabamaGermany Partnership (AGP) is recognizing new investments and expansion of German companies in Alabama in 2010. The recognitions will be presented by Seth Hammett, Director of the Alabama Development Office, at the Annual Dinner of the AGP held at The Battle House Hotel in downtown Mobile on March 3.

“In the period 2000 to 2010 Germany is the most significant country of origin when looking at foreign direct investments in Alabama. The companies recognized today show the variety of companies and the wide geographic distribution of such investments in

Alabama,” explained Seth Hammett. “I want to thank each and every one of the companies for their trust in Alabama and for creating jobs for our citizens.” German companies employ an estimated 12,000 Alabamians directly.

“The investment of those eleven companies totals over five billion USD and will create over 2800 jobs in Alabama. The German community can be proud of its contribution for Alabama,” added Arndt Siepmann, Chair of the AGP. “With Mr. Hammett’s long established track record in support of economic development issues during his time in the legislature we are delighted to have him present our appreciation to the executives of our German companies.

The German companies recognized for their investments in 2010 are:

- BLG Logistics, Inc. – Vance; year established in Alabama: 2004, Expansion with an investment of \$3.17 million creating an additional 30 new jobs. Company provides third party value-add logistics.
- Borbet Alabama, Inc. – Auburn; year established in Alabama: 2008, Expansion with an investment of \$18.2 million creating an additional 50 jobs. Company produces aluminum wheels for the automotive industry.
- Brose Tuscaloosa, Inc. – Vance, year established in Alabama: 2003, Expansion with an investment of \$26 million creating an additional 112 jobs by 2013. Company produces seat adjusters for the automotive industry.
- Eissmann Automotive North America Inc. – Pell City; year established in Alabama: 2004, Expansion with an investment of \$2.75 million creating an additional 40 jobs. Company produces leather components for automotive interiors.

- iSAM – North America – Mobile; year established in Alabama: 2008. New investment in Alabama of \$500,000 creating 4 jobs. Company provides automation engineering services in steel, bulk port facilities, pipe forming & welding and aerospace composite industries.
- Glaeser, Inc. – Tuscaloosa; year established in Alabama: 2010. New investment of \$70,000 creating 3 jobs. Company provides cleanliness analysis/residual contamination analysis as well as laboratory analysis and consulting.
- ThyssenKrupp Steel USA – Calvert; year established in Alabama: 2007. New investment of \$3.6 billion with 1533 employees to date. Company produces carbon steel.
- ThyssenKrupp Stainless USA – Calvert; year established in Alabama: 2007. New investment of \$1.4 billion creating 900 jobs (360 to date). Company produces cold rolled stainless steel rolls and sheets.
- Tube Technology Systems, Inc. – Auburn; year established in Alabama: 2010. New investment of \$1.45 mil creating 5 new jobs. Company produces brake tubes for the automotive industry.
- WKW Erbsloeh North America, Inc. – Pell City; year established in Alabama: 2006. Expansion of \$25 mil creating an additional 150 jobs. Company produces aluminum trim parts for the automotive industry.

For details of the program and to register for the Annual Dinner on March 3 or the Business Forum on March 4, please go to [www.alabamagermany.org](http://www.alabamagermany.org). (end)

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### **About the AlabamaGermany Partnership**

The AlabamaGermany Partnership (AGP) is an Alabama non-profit corporation formed in 1998 to “*develop and support relationships and friendships between organizations and individuals in Alabama and Germany.*” For more information, please visit our website at: [www.alabamagermany.org](http://www.alabamagermany.org)

The Membership of the AGP is comprised of German companies with locations in Alabama, companies and entities that want to do business with German companies, and The AlabamaGermany Partnership is an affiliate of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeastern States.