
News Release

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Noble International Expanding Production in Butler, Indiana *Automotive components manufacturer will invest \$2.5 million in equipment, add 30 jobs*

BUTLER, IND. (October 5, 2007) — Noble International, Ltd., is adding an automobile bumper production line and a side impact protection system line to its existing facility in Butler, Indiana. Noble will invest \$2.5 million in equipment for the new production lines and add 30 new jobs through 2009 “Contract work has been transferred to the Butler facility because we have the internal space to expand,” said Rick Nafziger, plant manager. “Also, our reputation for quality production is outstanding.”

Noble International’s Butler, Indiana plant was formerly known as Pullman Industries. The Butler facility was opened in August, 1996, to manufacture tubular and shaped steel structures using roll forming and other processes primarily for the automotive industry. On October 12, 2006, Noble International, Ltd., the largest laser welding supplier in the world, acquired the stock of Pullman Industries. By combining Pullman’s roll forming capabilities with its laser welding technology, Noble International is now more rapidly commercializing tubular structural applications for components such as pillars, cross members, side sills and roof rails to improve rollover and side-impact protection. Noble International currently employs 108 workers in Butler.

“We are very pleased that Noble International selected the Butler plant for the expansion. Good paying, skilled jobs are always welcome in our community,” stated Butch Coburn, mayor of the City of Butler. The City of Butler will consider tax abatement for the additional investment in the local facility.

The DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership (DCEDP) is working with all involved parties to help facilitate this expansion project.

About Noble International Ltd.

Noble International, based in Warren, Mich., is the world’s largest laser welder, providing laser-welded blanks and tubes, as well as advanced roll-formed products to the automotive industry globally. Noble International provides automakers with higher-technology, high-value products that offer numerous advantages over traditional methods of automotive body construction. More information about Noble International, Ltd. and their 21st Century Auto Body Solutions® is available at www.nobleintl.com.

About DCEDP

Effective June 1, 2006, the eight communities of Ashley, Auburn, Butler, Corunna, Garrett, Hamilton, St. Joe and Waterloo and the balance of DeKalb County began hosting the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, a full-time, county-wide local economic development organization (LEDO). Partnership staff are available to assist with base employer attraction and retention/expansion projects. More information about the Partnership is available at www.dekalbcountyedp.org.