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## NEWS RELEASE

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Spartan Light Metal Products announces the planned construction of a new stand-alone die cast manufacturing facility to be located in Mexico, Missouri. The new multi-million dollar investment in this manufacturing facility is another substantial example of Spartan Light Metal Products' commitment to the city of Mexico, Missouri and the surrounding communities. This facility will operate as a separate business unit and is being built on an existing site owned by Spartan in Mexico, Missouri. Spartan expects to break ground sometime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2018 with completion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2019. This expansion is projected to add approximately 100+ jobs to the Mexico, Missouri area over the next five years.

Spartan Light Metal Products is a family owned, full-service supplier of custom die cast aluminum and magnesium products for the automotive and consumer products markets. This new state-of-the-art facility will help meet customers' demands to increase fuel economy by using lighter weight materials and position Spartan Light Metal Products to participate in the growing electrification movement in propulsion systems. The initial phase will have room for up to four large tonnage die cast machines, 3500 ton or larger with the ability to cast either Magnesium or Aluminum. The focus will be on Magnesium with a target of structural components and parts for vehicle electrification.

Spartan Light Metal Products CEO, Bruce Breitzman, commented, "We look forward to supporting our customers in their vehicle lightweighting initiatives. It is also a great opportunity to leverage the talents of our Spartan associates. The time is now to take another step forward in strengthening Spartan Light Metal Products for the future. We

appreciate the support of our customers, suppliers, the Mexico community, our associates and the Jubel family.”

City of Mexico, Missouri Mayor, Chris Miller commented, “The City of Mexico, Audrain County and Progress Mexico work every day on encouraging business growth in our community and we are very pleased that Spartan has chosen Mexico, MO to expand and locate their new manufacturing facility. Spartan has been a great corporate partner for over 20 years and this additional investment in our community demonstrates their continued commitment for many years to come”.

“Spartan’s expansion is great news for the city of Mexico and great news for our state,” Governor Eric Greitens said. “Missouri businesses are growing again. We were proud to work with the city to get this deal done. Our top priority is more jobs for Missouri families.”

The Company has more than 1,000 employees with manufacturing facilities located in Hannibal and Mexico, Missouri, and Sparta, Illinois. Sales and engineering employees are located at plant locations as well as in Detroit, Tokyo and at the Corporate Services Center in St. Louis, Missouri.