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Atkins Kroll Saipan Breaks Ground on New Toyota Lexus Showroom and Service Center

(San Jose, Saipan, NMI) Atkins Kroll, Inc. (AK) an Inchcape Company, celebrating 55 years of service in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), held a groundbreaking ceremony for its Atkins Kroll Toyota Lexus Showroom and Service Center at Chalan Pale Arnold in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

Alex Hammett, Inchcape Managing Director for South Asia and Pacific, shared during the event, “Saipan now has one of the largest market shares of Toyotas globally, due to an amazing community and a fantastic team working at AK Saipan. Toyota has been part of the NMI for more than five decades, and now it’s Lexus’s turn. The new Lexus dealership will be the first of its kind in Saipan, and it is a physical manifestation of our commitment to grow our business and further invest in the NMI.”

The new 43,800-square-foot facility will include a Toyota showroom, the island’s first dedicated Lexus showroom, AK Saipan’s corporate offices, and an automotive service and body repair shop that will be able to service personal and commercial vehicles. The high-tech vehicle repair shop will be close to 30,000 sq. feet and will include 14 vehicle service bays. The auto body shop consists of nine repair bays and a contained and fully ventilated internal paint booth.

The architect and project manager for the project are ARI Partners. AK recently announced that it

selected Saipan-based GPPC Inc. to build the new \$23 million project.

Alex Yap, President of Atkins Kroll, said, “We’ve put a lot of thought into designing the new AK facility to make it more environmentally friendly with rainwater harvesting, solar panels for energy offsetting, low-noise-generating equipment, and emission and sound controls. When the new showroom and service center open, our customers will have access to expanded repair services and more amenities. We believe they will like what they see.”

Hammett added, “We thank Gov. Palacios, Lt. Gov. Apatang, members of the 23rd Commonwealth Legislature, Mr. Albert LG Camacho and family, and our valued customers and employees for being a part of today’s ceremony. We look forward to welcoming the community into our new Toyota Lexus Showroom and Service Center in 2024.”

For more information about the project, visit aksaipan.com.

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About Atkins Kroll, Inc.: Atkins Kroll, an Inchcape company, is the leading distributor of vehicles in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Micronesia enabling it to provide a full range of products and services in the region. Atkins Kroll is Guam’s oldest corporation established in 1914 and represents Toyota, Lexus, BMW, Chevrolet, Toyota Rent A Car, Avis, Budget and Payless Rental Brands, and AC Delco brands. In December 2021 Atkins Kroll acquired Morrico Equipment, one of Guam’s largest heavy equipment dealerships representing Freightliner, Mercedes Benz, Hyundai Construction Equipment, Kohler Power Systems, Rosenbauer Fire Trucks and Thomas Built School Buses. Morrico Equipment operates new and used heavy equipment sales, rental, parts, diesel fuel delivery, Trashco Guam, and specialized diesel repair service to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

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Photo caption: *Atkins Kroll, Inc. an Inchcape Company, broke ground today, March 10, 2023, for the company’s newest facility, the AK Toyota Lexus Showroom and Service Center, in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The new showroom and service center are scheduled to be completed by the Fall of 2024. From left: Neil Paynter, Principal, ARI Partners Architecture; The Honorable Carlos Sablan Camacho, Former Governor of the CNMI; Mayor Ramon "RB" Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of Saipan; Joel Lesh, Vice President and General Manager, AK Saipan ; The Honorable David Apatang, Lt. Governor of the CNMI; The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the CNMI; Alex Hammett, Managing Director for South Asia and Pacific, Inchcape; Alex Yap, President, Atkins Kroll; Sen. Edmund Sablan Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Bishop Ryan Jimenez, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa; David “Uncle Dave” M. Sablan, Businessman and Original Member of AK Saipan; Sonya Dancoe, President, SP Dancoe & Associates, LLC; and Annie Pagulayan, Vice President, GPPC, Inc.*

