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SWEET HOME ALABAMA: SWJ TECHNOLOGY opens Alberta Technology Center on University Boulevard East

TUSCALOOSA, Alabama -- Construction is finished, and the doors are officially open at SWJ TECHNOLOGY's new USMCA headquarter in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The new facility spans more than 7000 square feet on a three-acre site near the Alberta School of Performing Arts and the Gateway digital library. The company will move its North American headquarters, the regional office for Alabama as well as equipment services, rapid prototyping and its metrology lab to new facility today.

SWJ TECHNOLOGY's new facility will foster economic development opportunities for the local community, team member development, and training and is set to create new job opportunities through its expansion.

SWJ TECHNOLOGY's new facility will have its own engineering workshop, operated by the subsidiary NGE EQUIPMENT, offering various solutions, such as advanced measurement and prototyping services, assembly of innovative specialty tools, equipment and handhelds, which will support and integrate into manufacturing operations.

Through the Alberta Technology Center, SWJ envisions to increase its current footprint in innovative cloud-based online engineering systems to provide value-added technologies in addition to its traditional industrial engineering services. SWJ has made plans to grow its internship and apprenticeship programs, to support young professionals and maintain its status as an attractive employer for graduates from local colleges and universities.

The Alberta Technology Center is a major investment for SWJ TECHNOLOGY and would not have been possible without the support of the City of Tuscaloosa and the local economic development initiatives. President and CEO, Dr. Wolfgang Kneer adds: "We like to sincerely thank the City of Tuscaloosa, Major Walt Maddox and City Councilman Kip Tyner for their support and vision to make this first Technology Center of a German Engineering Company possible. In return, we have built a larger facility than initially planned, spent more money to make this Tech Center exceptional and believe that we will surpass our own expectations for growth and new services. I am certain, that this will be a milestone for Alberta's appeal to stimulate more investment, attract more businesses, and provide more jobs for the local community and we feel honored to be part of it."

While the groundbreaking on November 8, 2019, attracted much attention from the Tuscaloosa community and SWJ's founding and managing members from Germany, the move-in and opening will look very different from traditional launch festivities this year. "Although we had wished to host a grand opening with a big barbecue for the entire community - it will be a much quieter and much smaller ribbon-cutting for now." Dr. Wolfgang Kneer further explains: "When we can ensure the health and safety of all people in attendance, while still adhering to CDC guidelines, and when more people have received their COVID-19 vaccinations, we will definitely plan for a Grand Opening Ceremony later in the year."

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ABOUT SWJ TECHNOLOGY:

SWJ TECHNOLOGY is a subsidiary of SWJ GROUP, a global engineering and consulting company with operations in Germany, China, Poland, and Austria, among other locations. The company was founded in 2003 and, six years later, launched its U.S. operations with three employees. After 12 years, it now has more than 120 team members in North America and more than 450 team members worldwide. SWJ TECHNOLOGY is now operating in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, and became a leading force in engineering, planning, and project management services. Assisting all German Automotive Manufacturers as well as a wide range of their suppliers, its services range from assembly planning, logistics planning, quality management, project management, to a suite of very flexible and customizable online software solutions, or individual consulting and training offerings.

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