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#### ARLINGTON AUTOMOTIVE ESTABLISHES NEW FACTORY IN MICHIGAN

**Troy, Michigan** (November 4, 2019) - Arlington Automotive, a global Tier One supplier of automotive parts to Mercedes-Benz, BMW and leading other OEMs, is opening a brand new wholly-owned factory in Michigan, U.S.A.

The opening of the new factory marks an exciting new chapter for Arlington. As a result of its acquisition of BorgWarner's thermal management business, Wahler, the assets within BorgWarner's facility in Illinois will be moved to the new leased facility in Romeo, Michigan, where Arlington will manufacture systems and parts for supplier contracts with GM, FCA, and Melling. The expansion will involve the creation of 70 new jobs and a total capital investment of nearly \$4.6 million in Romeo, resulting in a \$450,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant from the Michigan Strategic Fund.

"Arlington Automotive's decision to locate its new manufacturing operations in Romeo means good jobs for our residents and further underscores Michigan's leadership position in automotive manufacturing," said Jeff Mason, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the state's chief marketing and business attraction arm that administers programs and performs due diligence on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund.

"We're pleased to work with our local partners and support this investment, and we look forward to working with the company as it continues to grow and add jobs in Michigan."

The new Michigan factory will house two automotive divisions, Arlington Thermal Management and Arlington Engineered Systems.

Arlington Thermal Management provides thermal management and flow control technology for combustion, hybrid and electric vehicles across the world. The new Michigan factory adds to the company's global expansion outside of the UK and its presence across The Americas, with a vertically integrated manufacturing facility in Brazil providing an established aftermarket business. Alongside this, Arlington Thermal Management has production centers in China, UK and France, as well as one in Germany that will remain the center of excellence for research and product development.

Arlington Engineered Systems provides electrical, fluid & air, mechanical and aftermarket module assemblies to automotive OEMs. In addition to its Michigan base, Arlington Engineered Systems has factories in the UK, Turkey, Slovakia and India, from which it provides a complete supply chain service - design, manufacturing, pressing, welding, coating, thermoforming and assembling.

With technology and brands to suit all automotive applications, Arlington Automotive offers customers an unrivalled choice in brand, technology and service through a truly global footprint.

The business is also known for its strong CSR focus. In Arlington Engineered Systems, people with registered disabilities compose 38.19% of its work force. For their work supporting ex-servicemen and women in the UK, the business was presented with the Silver Award by the Armed Forces Covenant. This pioneering focus on workplace equality in manufacturing will continue across the globe as the U.S. recruitment drive welcomes employees of all abilities.

Mark Franckel, Arlington Industries Group CEO, said: "With the recent news that major OEMs were relocating and opening nearby, Michigan presented the perfect location for us. We are delighted to launch our wholly-owned factory in the heartland of US automotive production. Arlington Thermal Management and Arlington Engineered Systems are now in the perfect position to supply automotive technology and management to OEM and Tier One customers, whatever the application or technology required. The move shows the continued strength of our Group and will deliver significant benefits to the industry worldwide. We are grateful to The Michigan Economic Development Corporation for their invaluable support throughout the project's development and for welcoming us into Michigan."

Jason Capitani and Joe DePonio represented both the Landlord and Tenant in this transaction.

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