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Usui International Announces Major Expansion
*Japanese-based manufacturer will more than double in space
and add 65 new jobs*

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA...Chesapeake Mayor Dalton S. Edge today joined Mr. Takaaki Usui, President of Usui Kokusai Sangyo Kaisha Ltd., in announcing the expansion of Usui International Corporation's local manufacturing operations. The company, based in Mishima, Japan, will invest \$14 million in creating 65 new jobs in Chesapeake.

"We are very pleased to have been able to find a facility that both meets our immediate needs as well as allowing for future expansion longer term," said Mr. Usui. "Chesapeake has been a wonderful manufacturing location for us the past (17) years. The availability of excellent labor, the Port facilities for importing as well as exporting our product, along with the tremendous support we have received from the City have all combined to make this the right expansion location for us."

Usui International Corporation (UIC) first opened its Chesapeake factory in September of 1990, and has expanded on two previous occasions. To accommodate its future growth needs, the company is purchasing the former Johnson Controls, Inc. building in Chesapeake's Cavalier Industrial Park. This facility was closed earlier in 2007 as part of the shutdown of the Norfolk Ford Assembly Plant.

"The City of Chesapeake is honored by Usui International's decision to continue our long and successful relationship", said Chesapeake Mayor Dalton S. Edge. "The global competition for jobs and investment today is intense, especially among the manufacturing sectors. By deciding to grow here in Chesapeake, the company is making a strategic decision that will strengthen not only our local economy, but also the Port of Virginia and the talented workforce of Hampton Roads."

UIC imports raw materials through the Port of Virginia to be used in the manufacture of products for its customers in the automotive industry. The major product lines produced in Chesapeake include diesel fuel lines, brake line bundles and fuel line bundles.

Usui Kokusai has additional facilities in Japan, China, Thailand, Europe, Michigan, Ohio and Mississippi.

The City of Chesapeake Economic Development Department was assisted by Chip Worley, broker with Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate, in securing the project.

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