

Mauser Announces Industrial Packaging Project In Ascension Parish

Posted by LED – GEISMAR, La. – Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards and Mauser Group CEO Hans-Peter Schaefer announced Mauser will complete a \$10 million capital investment in a new Louisiana packaging facility in Geismar, near its major industrial customers in Ascension Parish. Mauser USA LLC – part of the German global industrial packaging company, Mauser Group – will operate a 40,000-square-foot packaging and logistics facility on La. 30, between Interstate 10 and River Road. The operation will be located on a 5-acre site in Talon Industrial Park.

The project's initial phase will create 28 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of more than \$58,000, plus benefits. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 47 new indirect jobs, for a total of 75 new jobs in the Capital Region and surrounding areas. Mauser USA's initial project phase will support the packaging needs of chemical manufacturing customers in the Geismar area. The project has the potential to expand with a second phase that would yield 19 additional jobs, for a total of 47 new direct jobs.

“Louisiana is a global leader in the production of petrochemicals, with the Geismar area of Ascension Parish being one of our most important production hubs for this vital industry,” Gov. Edwards said. “Mauser’s selection of Louisiana and Geismar signals their recognition of our growth in this sector and the importance of ramping up customer service to support the most important manufacturing markets in America. We welcome one of the world’s industrial packaging leaders to our state and are grateful for their creation of

new career opportunities in Louisiana.â

In Ascension Parish, Mauser will produce custom-engineered plastic containers for shipment of industrial chemicals in the projectâs initial phase. Additional phases could include steel and other forms of packaging in response to industry demand. Anyone interested in jobs at the Mauser facility in Geismar may apply at MauserLouisianaJobs.com.

âMauser continues to grow by supporting the growth strategies of our customers,â Schaefer said. âLouisiana has provided a strong location to achieve this growth and Mauser is proud to be a part of it.â

âWeâre excited to be investing in a new permanent facility in Louisiana that will deliver Mauserâs industry-leading packaging technology more efficiently to some of the worldâs most important industrial manufacturers,â said Mauser USA President and CEO Glenn Frommer. âThe strong business climate, strategic supply chain and powerful workforce programs Louisiana offers made this decision a logical one for our company.â

LED began working with Mauser USA on the potential project in December 2015. To secure the project, the State of Louisiana offered the company a competitive incentive package that includes the comprehensive solutions of LED FastStartÂ®, ranked the No. 1 state workforce development program in the nation. In addition, Mauser is expected to utilize the stateâs Quality Jobs and Industrial Tax Exemption programs.

âAscension Parish is pleased to welcome Mauser USA as our newest industrial citizen,â Parish President Kenny Matassa said. âWe appreciate Mauserâs commitment to Ascension Parish and look forward to working with the company in the months and years ahead.â

âWe are delighted by the announcement of Mauser USAâs project in Ascension Parish,â said President and CEO Kate

MacArthur of the Ascension Economic Development Corp., or AEDC. "Mauser is a key supplier to existing industries here and represents an opportunity to further diversify Ascension's employment base, which is one of Ascension Economic Development Corporation's key strategies."

Mauser's continual growth, coupled with its commitment to sustainability, made the Geismar location a logical decision. Company officials said the Geismar site will improve the reliability of service and replace out-of-state delivery routes with delivery routes of fewer than 5 miles for key customers.

"Congratulations to Mauser on their decision to move forward. They will be a tremendous regional asset and catalyst for continued growth," said President and CEO Adam Knapp of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. "BRAC's team worked with AEDC to help Mauser in the site selection process. The Talon Industrial Park is the ideal location to launch their Louisiana presence."

About Mauser

Mauser Group, founded in 1896, is a worldwide leading producer of industrial packaging with more than 5,000 employees. A subsidiary of Stone Canyon Industries, Mauser serves a portfolio of customers in the chemical, agrochemical, petrochemical and pharmaceutical sectors, as well as the food and beverage industries. Mauser products include plastic packaging, fiber drums, steel drums, Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC) and reconditioning services through the National Container Group (NCG), a Mauser holding. Mauser provides sustainability-oriented, full-cycle services from production to recycling (ECO-CYCLE®). With more than 100 Mauser/NCG sites and multiple joint ventures in Europe, the Americas and Asia plus two licensee networks for plastic and steel packaging the company is a presence around the globe. For more information, visit [MauserGroup.com](https://www.MauserGroup.com).