

Tachi-S and Lear Corporation Form Third Joint Venture in Wilson County, Tennessee

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Lear Corporation and Tachi-S announced that they have established a third joint venture under a master alliance formed in July 2003 to support future business with Nissan globally. The joint venture, TACLE Seating, U.S.A. LLC, held a groundbreaking ceremony today to begin construction of a new facility dedicated to supplying seats to Nissan's assembly plant in Smyrna, Tenn.



The Wilson County, Tennessee facility is TACLE's first U.S. plant and its third location globally. Once it is fully operational in mid-2007, the 90,000-square-foot plant will employ up to 170 people to supply seats for a new program to be launched at Nissan North America's Smyrna assembly plant. Tachi-S Engineering U.S.A. will hold 51% stake and Lear will hold 49% stake in TACLE Seating.

"We're very excited about the opportunity to supply Nissan in North America, where the company's growth in the automotive market continues to surge," said Kousaku Tarumi, President and COO of Tachi-S Co., Ltd. "The new building in Mt. Juliet reflects the success of Nissan in North America while enabling us to further contribute to the economic vitality of **Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.**"

Tachi-S Engineering is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tachi-S Co. LTD of Tokyo Japan. Established in 1954, Tachi-S is an automotive supplier with 3,563 employees and 2005 sales of \$183,655 million. Since its founding, Tachi-S Co., Ltd. has understood that the seats in a vehicle make the single most important contribution to driver and passenger comfort. On the threshold of a new century, Tachi-S is determined to continue defining automotive seating standards by setting the pace in areas as diverse as environmental impact, quality, durability, and ergonomic excellence. Further information about Tachi-S can be found on the Internet at www.tachi-s.co.jp.

Lear Corporation is one of the world's largest suppliers of automotive interior systems and components. Lear provides complete seat systems, electronic products and electrical distribution systems and other interior products. With annual net sales of \$17.1 billion, Lear ranks #127 among the Fortune 500. The company's world-class products are designed, engineered and manufactured by a diverse team of 115,000 employees at 282 locations in 34 countries. Lear's headquarters are in Southfield, Michigan, and Lear is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol [LEA].

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