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MARINE MANUFACTURING PLANT TO OPEN IN BALDWIN COUNTY

Robertsdale, Ala. – AdvanTec, a globally recognized industry leader in marine closure manufacturing, announced its plans to open a new facility in Robertsdale in the next month. The 40,000-square-foot manufacturing plant will open its doors in April, bringing 46 new jobs and more than \$2.4 million in annual payroll to Baldwin County during its first three years.

AdvanTec is recognized as a leader in marine closure manufacturing as well as industrial pipe bending for oil and gas, serving clients who produce a wide variety of products for marine and industrial applications throughout the world. With main headquarters located just outside Vancouver, AdvanTec has strategically developed manufacturing facilities in Langley, British Columbia; Gold Beach, Oregon; Chilliwack, British Columbia; Maple Ridge, British Columbia; and Calgary, Alberta, and sales facilities in Langley, British Columbia and Lynnwood, Washington.

“As the first of our plants in this region, this location will allow us to better serve our clients in the greater Gulf of Mexico and southeastern United States, as well as access a skilled labor market with deep experience in marine metal manufacturing,” said Andrew Mund, P.E. and operations director for AdvanTec in Robertsdale.

AdvanTec is the parent brand to AdvanTec Marine and AdvanTec Industrial. AdvanTec Marine specializes in design, engineering and manufacturing of specialty marine application closures and cranes, and AdvanTec Industrial creates products for commercial and industrial applications throughout the world. AdvanTec’s industries range from clean tech, mining and construction to oil and gas, petrochemical and power utilities. AdvanTec is a collaboration of brands, each brand with a long history of service to marine and industrial clients from around the globe.

“The City of Robertsdale welcomes the arrival of AdvanTec to our Industrial Park - this is a great opportunity for all,” stated Robertsdale Mayor Charles Murphy. “We will assist and provide AdvanTec with a presence in the Gulf of Mexico, so their business unit can grow and prosper, provide meaningful employment to those in our area, and create benefit for our community. We certainly want to convey our appreciation to AdvanTec for their investment in our city, along with the Robertsdale Industrial Board and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance for making this opportunity possible.”

Lee Lawson, president and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, said this announcement is another example of the continued growth in Baldwin County, which continues to attract international investment and create new jobs. For two years in a row, SmartAsset has ranked Baldwin County No. 1 in the state of Alabama for incoming business investment and Emsi, a leading labor market analytics firm, recently ranked Baldwin County No. 1 in the state for workforce talent attraction.

“AdvanTec’s decision to locate in Baldwin County further proves that our county is a preferred destination for businesses looking to grow their operations in the Southeast,” stated Chris Elliott, Baldwin County Commission, District 2. “As we continue to diversify and grow our local economy, we are excited to welcome AdvanTec’s new manufacturing operation to Baldwin County and the City of Robertsdale.”

AdvanTec is currently looking to fill numerous positions and encourages those interested to visit the careers site at advantecglobal.com/careers.

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