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AIR COMPRESSOR MANUFACTURING HEADQUARTERS TO OPEN IN BALDWIN COUNTY

Loxley, Ala. – Kaishan Group, a leading worldwide manufacturer of industrial air compressors, announced plans to begin construction on a new U.S. corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility in Loxley, Alabama. At an event this morning, the company broke ground on their new 65,000-square-foot facility, which is scheduled to be completed in the second quarter of 2019. The Loxley location will bring 62 new manufacturing jobs and more than \$11 million in capital investment to Baldwin County during its first three years of operations.

“Kaishan is proud to locate its corporate headquarters to Loxley, where we can better serve the North American market with locally produced goods and services,” said Keith Schumacher, CEO of Kaishan Compressor USA.

Kaishan Group, based in Quzhou, China, is the world’s third largest manufacturer of air compressors. With modern, specialized manufacturing facilities positioned in seven strategic locations, Kaishan’s global reach and diverse portfolio of highly engineered products have built a strong reputation for meeting the needs of their multi-national company clientele. With a 60-year track record, Kaishan has steadily grown to become a significant engineering and production company supplying compressed air, refrigeration, power generation and mining equipment to over sixty countries and regions, including Southeast Asia, Australia, Europe, Japan, Korea, Russia, Africa and Latin America.

“This expansion broadens our global footprint, providing access to a market that seeks high quality, durable, and energy efficient products,” said Kevin Cao, president of Kaishan Group. “This project allows Kaishan to better meet the needs of our North American customers.”

“We are excited to add Kaishan Group to the list of companies that have chosen Loxley as a great place to do business,” said Billy Middleton, mayor of Loxley. “As our community continues to grow and thrive, Kaishan will play a key role in providing well-paying jobs for our residents, and I look forward to partnering with this company for many years to come.”

Lee Lawson, president and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, said this announcement further solidifies Baldwin County’s status as a great location for international companies to invest in and lead their U.S. operations. Baldwin County was the 11th fastest growing MSA in the United States in 2017, and for the third year in a row, SmartAsset has ranked Baldwin County No. 1 in the state of Alabama for incoming business investment.

“Baldwin County is a fast-growing area and a superb place in Alabama to launch a new business venture,” said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. “Kaishan Group has

selected an ideal location for its North American manufacturing operation, and we look forward to working with the company as its business grows.”

“Companies from around the world are recognizing that Baldwin County is a business-friendly location with a workforce that already possesses the skills needed for a manufacturing operation to succeed,” said Chris Elliott, Baldwin County Commission representative for economic development. “As our local economy continues to become more and more diverse, we are excited to welcome Kaishan Group to Baldwin County and the town of Loxley.”

Kaishan Compressor USA is currently looking to fill a number of key positions for their organization and will be looking for many more talented individuals as the project plan progresses. For more information about Kaishan and job openings, please visit KaishanUSA.com.

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