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**Ford Meter Box Announces Expansion Plans in Pell City**

**Pell City, ALABAMA – January 19, 2024** – The St. Clair County Economic Development Council announced today that Ford Meter Box Company, Inc., a manufacturer of underground waterworks products headquartered in Wabash, Indiana, is expanding their Pell City facility. The \$ 23,200,000.00 expansion includes the construction of a new 60,000 sf. building and new manufacturing equipment that will allow for the fabrication of large-diameter steel components and increased production capacity at the Pell City facility.

“The Ford Meter Box Company has had a presence in Pell City since 1982. We are grateful for the continued support we have received from Pell City, the Pell City Industrial Development Board, St. Clair County, and the St. Clair County EDC.” Zachary J Gentile Jr., Senior Vice President, and General Manager

“St. Clair County always welcomes new investment and quality jobs to our community. We are happy to be able to work with the City of Pell City to encourage growth among the companies in St. Clair County. This investment opens doors for new opportunities for our citizens now and in the future,” said Chairman Stan Batemon, St. Clair County Commission.

“We are excited that Ford Meter Box continues to grow their presence in Pell City and St. Clair County. They are a long-standing member of our business community who have always been great corporate citizens. We are excited about this latest project and wish Ford Meter Box continued success.” Commissioner Tommy Bowers, St. Clair County Commission

“The City of Pell City is proud to see the continued growth and success at Ford Meter Box's Pell City facility. New investment and job growth will stimulate the local economy and highlight the fact that Pell City is a great place for business. We congratulate Ford Meter Box on their success and wish them nothing but success going forward.” Mayor Bill Pruitt, Pell City, Alabama.

**About Ford Meter Box Company, Inc.**

The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. is a manufacturer of water meter setting and testing equipment, service line valves and fittings, and pipeline coupling, repair, and restraint products for the waterworks industry and ancillary markets. Founded by Edwin Ford in 1898, the privately held company operates manufacturing facilities in Wabash, Indiana, and Pell City, Alabama, and is certified to the ISO 9001 quality standard. A member of the American Water Works Association, Ford Meter Box employees a workforce of approximately 800 in support of water purveyors and stocking distributors in sixty countries around the world.

**About St. Clair County Economic Development Council:**

The St. Clair County Economic Development Council was established in 1998 with the help of the St. Clair County Commission and the St. Clair County Industrial Development Board. Their mission is to create jobs, increase the tax base, and improve the quality of life for the citizens in St. Clair County. Established in 1818, St. Clair County is located at the end of the Appalachian Mountain range, in north-central Alabama. With a population of more than 92,000, St. Clair County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state and is part of the Birmingham-Hoover metropolitan statistical area, the largest in the state.

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