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Energy Components Group, LLC (ECG) in cooperation with the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, City of St. Clair and the County of St. Clair, announced today its intention to locate an alternative energy manufacturing plant in the City of St. Clair, Michigan. ECG serves as a tier one supplier to customers in the solar and wind power industries, and expects to create approximately 250 new jobs and invest \$20 million over the next several years with increased demand for production.

Last fall, EDA officials brought in the MEDC to assist it in developing an incentive package to locate this new company in St. Clair County over alternative locations that ECG was considering in the Western part of the United States. An incentive package that includes a MEGA employment tax credit based on jobs being created, workforce training grants and the offer of a Renewable Energy Renaissance Zone (RERZ) has been extended by the MEDC and local governments to ECG and accepted over competing offers from others states. Earlier today, the Michigan Economic Growth Authority approved the MEGA employment tax credit agreement with ECG valued at up to \$2 million if the company fulfills its employment projections of 250 new jobs. ECG will also benefit from the State of Michigan Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) program, receiving a maximum of \$250,000 at the rate of \$1,000 to train each new employee.

Finally, the Michigan Strategic Fund Board has authorized establishment of a Renewable Energy Renaissance Zone (RERZ) upon receipt of a written request from the City of St. Clair. RERZ's are being created across the state to promote renewable energy operations in Michigan and enhance the long term viability of this industry. The RERZ is a nearly tax free zone that can be authorized for a period of up to twelve years as negotiated between the qualifying company and local community. The City of St. Clair with assistance from the EDA has negotiated a short term RERZ of three years following which ECG will receive nine additional years of 50% relief from normal property taxes. Approval of the RERZ is required by both the St. Clair City Council and the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners and is expected to occur over the next several weeks.

ECG was established 2008, to address the need for machining and assembly of high quality components for the alternative energy industry. The company has leveraged existing skills in the precision machining of high-volume, high-quality components to obtain prototype and production work in the alternative energy industry. ECG is a strong example of diversification where a supplier with automotive capabilities has taken the initiative to enter new markets.

Doug Alexander, Executive Director of the EDA, said “we are extremely excited not only about the significant jobs and investment this non-automotive project will bring to our community, but the opportunity it presents to build on this success and attract other alternative energy manufacturing companies.”

Rich Pirrotta, Chief Operating Officer of ECG commented “we appreciate the opportunity to expand in the City of St. Clair, and the assistance we have received from the MEDC and St. Clair EDA in deciding to locate in Michigan. .”

Bill Cedar, Mayor of St. Clair, said “this facility brings not only a great opportunity to the City by way of total investment and job creation, but also in the potential for St. Clair to become a leader in the area of Alternative Energy manufacturing in the future.”

ECG anticipates commencing operations in St. Clair in the fall of 2009.

About ECG

Energy Components Group is a precision machiner of high-quality components and assemblies for the alternative energy industry. It currently serves customers in the solar and wind power industries. More information is available at www.componentsforenergy.com.