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VIAM Manufacturing To Expand In Coffee County

MANCHESTER - Tennessee Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matthew Kisber and Bill Comer, chairman of the Industrial Board of Coffee County, Tennessee, Inc. today joined Yasufumi Matsumiya, president of VIAM (TN), LP in announcing the company's plans to expand its corporate headquarters facility in the Coffee County Interstate Industrial Park.

"We are pleased to announce that we are continuing with our long range growth plan in Coffee County by investing \$11.5 million in 2006 to expand our current facility by a total of 114,000 square feet, representing 90,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 24,000 square feet of corporate office space, to meet current and future customer demands," said Matsumiya. "The 24,000 square foot addition will house the Corporate Offices for VIAM's North American operations. This investment in Coffee County not only increases our position in the market place but strengthens our relationship in the community by adding 40 new job opportunities in this area."

VIAM (TN) selected the Coffee County Interstate Industrial Park in 1998 and leased a 95,000 square foot facility located on 10 acres. The initial operation opened in 1999. VIAM's growth has included a 58,000 square foot addition to its initial plant, the purchase of an additional 10 acres and construction of a 35,000 square foot standing building. The latest expansion will add to their existing facility bringing VIAM's total square footage to 302,000 square feet.

"Our announcement today is the culmination of a collaborative effort between state government and private enterprise that's creating new jobs and opportunities in Coffee County," said Kisber. "By working together with VIAM, the Industrial Board of Coffee County and our other valued partners, we anticipate good things to come from this expansion effort."

VIAM (TN), LP currently employs 220 at its Coffee County facility, where the company manufactures premier floor mats, truck liners, and other non-woven fabric auto accessories for domestic and overseas customers such as Toyota, Nissan, Honda, General Motors, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Ford and others. VIAM (TN), LP's parent company is Japan Vilene.