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National Scooter Company Relocates Global Headquarters to Pflugerville; Creates Flagship in Austin

July 1, 2010 — It's more jobs for Central Texas as National Scooter Company relocates their global headquarters to Pflugerville with plans to create a flagship store in Austin under the name Austin Electric Vehicles, announced officials at the Austin Chamber of Commerce and the Pflugerville Community Development Corporation (PCDC).

National Scooter Company, which designs, develops, manufactures, sells and distributes a multi-line of bikes, scooters, motorcycles and electric cars, is expected to bring more than 100 jobs to Central Texas within three years.

“The Austin Chamber is keenly focused on growing the regional economy and National Scooter Company’s headquarters consolidation from China and Seattle will be an excellent addition to our automotive and clean energy industries,” said Tim Crowley, Chairman, Opportunity Austin and President - Community Banking Group, Frost National Bank. “The business climate in Pflugerville will give a technology, quality and cost advantage to National Scooter Company, whose fun-to-drive products will positively impact energy consumption and transportation in Central Texas and the US.”

According to Greg James, President and CEO, National Scooter Company is relocating the business from East Texas and Seattle, Washington. In addition to Austin eight other cities in Texas and one in Washington were considered for the location of their global headquarters.

“National Scooter Company was formed to meet the rapidly growing demand of consumers seeking affordable, high-quality, high-mileage transportation,” said James. “We will create new jobs in the United States by bringing manufacturing that was previously sourced in China to Pflugerville, Texas. We intend to improve product quality, create design and engineering differentiators, and new marketing opportunities as an American-produced product.”

According to James, the ‘ace in the hole for Pflugerville’ was the city’s ability to offer Triple Freeport exemption, which gives businesses who assemble, process, manufacture or store certain goods an exemption from paying county, school district and city taxes if the goods are shipped out of the state within 175 days.

About Opportunity Austin

Opportunity Austin is the Austin Chamber of Commerce’s five-year economic development initiative to foster sustainable growth through the creation of new jobs and increased payroll in the Central Texas region. The Austin Chamber partners with chambers of commerce and economic development corporations in the five-county area to diversify the economy of Central Texas.

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