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AVICS USA Opens U.S. Headquarters in Clayton County *First U.S. Location for Parent Company Avics Korea Co., Ltd.*

ATLANTA (June 17, 2014) – The Clayton County Office of Economic Development & Film announced today that AVICS USA, LLC is opening their U.S. Headquarters in Clayton County for parent company AVICS Korea Co., Ltd., who is a pioneer in designing, manufacturing and distributing innovative LED lighting products.

Based in Suwon-city, South Korea, AVICS Korea was founded in 1998 and offers more than 50 different LED products. The company is initially opening a sales, showroom and distribution facility in the Southfield Corporate Center near Forest Park. "AVICS headquarters operation will employ 25 new positions," said Clayton County Economic Development Director Grant Wainscott. "However, their desire is to open a large manufacturing plant in Clayton County within the next two years that could employ hundreds."

"We are very satisfied [to be] located at Forest Park, Clayton County because Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill and Clayton County Economic Development Director Mr. Wainscott and Deputy Director Mr. William Keir gave us right direction," said James Dong S. Ahn, President / AVICS USA, LLC. "We are honored [to be a] partner of Clayton County neighborhood."

"It is my honor to welcome AVICS USA to Clayton County as our first Korean company headquarters," said Clayton County Commission Chairman Jeff Turner. "Clayton County is a county of great global opportunity and we are truly blessed to have AVICS USA as our newest community stakeholder."

The Clayton County Office of Economic Development worked closely with the Georgia Department of Economic Development's (GDEcD) Global Commerce/International Projects Team, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Power's Economic Development team, and Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill, to lure the headquarters operation to Clayton County and Metro Atlanta. This is the first Korean company to open a headquarters in Clayton County.

“AVICS’ selection of metro Atlanta and Clayton County as its North American base expands our international diversity in a rapidly growing supply chain of cleantech companies,” said Matthew Patterson, Director Supply Chain & Advanced Manufacturing, Metro Atlanta Chamber. “Given the region’s vast commercial and industrial real estate market, AVICS’ investment here will enhance our ability to service energy and building efficiency demand and provide the company with unparalleled logistical and commercial access.”

“AVICS’ decision to establish its headquarters in Georgia highlights our state’s strong business ties with Korea,” said Chris Carr, Commissioner, the Georgia Department of Economic Development. “With a qualified workforce and a solid highway and railway system, I have no doubt that this leading global company will find the support it needs to better reach its customers in the U.S.”

Company representatives from AVICS USA will be on hand to be formally recognized this Tuesday evening, June 17th at 7pm, at the Clayton County Board of Commissioners meeting in Jonesboro.

About the Clayton County Office of Economic Development & Film

The Clayton County Office of Economic Development & Film is responsible for the retention and expansion of existing industries, the recruitment of new jobs and investment, and the global marketing of the world-class assets of Clayton County. For more information about the county’s economic development efforts, visit their website at www.InvestClayton.com.