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Mile Hi Specialty Foods to be Inaugural Tenant in WestLink Business Center

SHAWNEE, Kan. February 24, 2014 – Mile Hi Specialty Foods Co. announces its decision to locate its new warehouse and distribution facility in Shawnee, KS. The distribution company plans to create 29 new jobs over a three year period.

Mile Hi Specialty Foods Co. is a privately owned warehouse and food distribution company. Both food and non-food products are distributed to Starbucks, Chipotle, Noodles, Quiznos and Einstein's Bagels through three distribution centers located in Denver, Dallas and Kansas. Mile Hi services customers in 17 states and delivers freight and hamburger buns throughout the lower 48 states.

"We are looking forward to establishing Mile Specialty Foods Co. in Shawnee and growing our footprint for years to come," stated Cody Mullins. "Shawnee's industrial market and accessibility coupled with their incentive tools provide us with the necessities we needed."

"Shawnee is excited and proud to have Mile Hi Specialty Foods Co. as a member of our business community," said Mayor Jeff Meyers. "With Mile Hi as a major distribution facility, this bolsters the notion WestLink Business Center can be a top competitor in the Kansas City metro logistics arena."

"Its great news that Mile-Hi Specialty Foods has decided to expand its operations to Kansas," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "Mile-Hi will create good jobs and contribute to our state's growing food processing and distribution sectors."

On February 24th, the City Council of Shawnee approved a Forgivable Loan Agreement in an amount of \$30,504 to support Mile Hi's job creation within Shawnee. Mile Hi will lease approximately 32,000 SF in the speculative WestLink Business Center (23100 W. 43rd St). Those interested in employment opportunities may check the company's website at:

www.milehispecialtyfoods.com

The SEDC was pleased to partner with Alicia Hutchings - Kansas Department of Commerce, David Sours – CBRE, Whitney Kerr, Jr. and Brad Jacobs – Cassidy Turley and Ric Rambacher – Airtex, Inc.

About the SEDC:

The Shawnee Economic Development Council (SEDC) functions as a division of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. The SEDC works collaboratively with the City of Shawnee and the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce to drive business growth and development. For more information, contact us at 913.631.6545 or visit our website at www.goodstartshere.com