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Continental celebrates grand opening of Clinton plant

long-term growth strategy for Continental Tires, called Vision 2025. Mississippi is a critical part of this strategy, providing the best options for us to grow the tire business in the Americas region. We plan to grow here together with our amazing team in Clinton, and we appreciate the strong support we have received from all involved."

The plant will produce large truck and bus tires for the U.S. market. Production is set to begin in 2020.

Continental is a manufacturer of premium tires, including commercial vehicle tires, and has seen customer demand in the segment growing globally in the past decade, both in new truck and bus tires, as well as tire retreads. This growth led the company to establish further production capacity in the United States with its new Clinton plant.

"Continental's grand opening is an

exciting moment for us. It has been delightful to witness this site transform into a place for business and job opportunities in Hinds County," said Peggy Hobson Calhoun, President, Hinds County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor, District 3. "Our citizens are ready to work and plan to do so for many years to come.'

"This is Continental's first new plant dedicated to truck tires in the world," said Paul Williams, execu-

tive vice president, Commercial Vehicle Tires, the Americas. "We have seen tremendous growth in this area of our business, and the addition of this production facility will help us continue to satisfy customer orders. The state of Mississippi, Hinds County and the City of Clinton have been outstanding partners to help us create this facility, which will provide excellent jobs for the years and decades to come."



Clintonian Greg Gearhart, Hinds County Economic Development Director Blake Wallace, City of Clinton Economic Development Director Gabriel Prado, Clinton Mayor Phil Fisher, City of Clinton Public Works Director Dexter Shelby, City of Clinton Communications Director Mark Jones, and Clinton Ward 4 Alderman Keith Perritt.



Attache' show choir performed at Continental Tire's grand opening.





