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Adds to County's total of more than 70 Japanese-based businesses

(GWINNETT- METRO ATLANTA) August 29, 2013 – HAMACO Industries Corporation, Idaka America, Inc., and Okaya (USA), Inc., have announced the location of North American operations in Gwinnett County, Georgia, this week. The list of internationally based businesses in the County exceeds 500, and more than 70 of those are Japanese companies.

The announcement comes while representatives from both Gwinnett County and Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development are in Japan, participating in an international business mission led by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal. While there, the delegation celebrated the 40th anniversary of the opening of the state's oldest international economic development office in Tokyo.

"The more investment we see from Japan, the more we can point to the value of having a business-friendly state," said Gov. Nathan Deal. "Establishing an office in Japan 40 years ago has brought Georgia a very mature corporate presence from that country. We welcome these three companies as they join the ranks of some 350 Japanese companies already here."

"On behalf of Gwinnett County, I am pleased to welcome Okaya, HAMACO, and Idaka America to our growing international business community," stated Gwinnett County Board of Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash. "We are committed to increasing Gwinnett's expansion into international markets and promoting the County as a prime destination for companies worldwide. We celebrate the success Japanese companies find in our community and look forward to future growth."

HAMACO Industries Corporation, a subsidiary of Japanese-based Hamada Industry Co., Ltd., designs and manufactures material handling equipment, such as hydraulic foot-operated lift tables and carts, from its startup U.S. headquarters at 1780 Corporate Drive, Suite 415 in the Norcross area.

"We are proud to call Gwinnett County, Georgia the home of our new HAMACO office. We were seeking a location with access to a quality workforce and airport that would enable us to connect more effectively to the Americas, and we found that here," stated Ms. Masumi Ito, General Manager for HAMACO Industries Corporation.

