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Spartan Chassis Receives State Grant to Increase Workforce

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., June 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Spartan Chassis, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), announced today that it received a tax credit grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), allowing the Company to create 415 jobs over the next five years.

The MEDC is also projecting the creation of an additional 641 jobs at other Michigan companies by 2009 because of the increased economic activity created by the expansion.

"These expansions along with the others we most recently announced indicate that manufacturing is still alive and well in Michigan," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

Spartan, which currently employs 438 people in Michigan and an additional 275 in South Carolina, South Dakota and Pennsylvania, said it had considered a site in Kentucky, but the Single Business Tax credit, worth \$4.3 million, convinced the Company to expand in Michigan. An economic analysis by the University of Michigan estimates that nearly \$603 million in new personal income will be generated from the project over the life of the agreement.

"We are proud to be a Michigan manufacturer and pleased this grant will allow us to grow our business within the community of Charlotte," said Richard Schalter, President of Spartan Chassis, Inc.

The Company said it also plans to invest \$7.3 million to expand its operations in Charlotte to grow its current product line in response to the new business contracts with RV makers Fleetwood RV and Newmar Corporation, as well as its strong fire truck chassis orders.

In June 2004, Spartan Chassis announced that it was named the exclusive chassis supplier for three of Newmar Corp.'s diesel-powered motorhome product lines for the 2005 model year and five of Fleetwood RV's diesel-powered motorhome product lines beginning August 1, 2004.

Spartan Chassis, Inc. (<http://www.spartanchassis.com>) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) and is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles and fire trucks. The company has a reputation for high quality, value, service and being the first to market with innovative products.

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