



• Come **Grow Globally** •

For Immediate Release  
Monday, January 4, 2010

Contact: Anna Chafin  
(912) 368-3356

**U.K.-based metal products supplier to open facility in Liberty County**  
***Company's Georgia expansion to create more than 200 jobs***

LIBERTY COUNTY, GA - The Liberty County Development Authority (LCDA) announced today the expansion of Firth Rixson Limited, a United Kingdom-based provider of highly engineered forged metal products, to Tradeport East Business Center in Liberty County. The 200,000-square-foot facility will serve as a closed die forging operation providing components for the aerospace industry. Once fully operational, the company's Georgia facility will create at least 200 jobs.

“By opening its new operation in Georgia, Firth Rixson Limited creates strategic opportunities for the state to strengthen its leadership position in the aerospace sector,” said Governor Sonny Perdue. “This is certainly great news to start off the new year for the people of Liberty County and throughout Georgia.”

Firth Rixson's Liberty County operation will be known as Firth Rixson Forgings LLC and will represent the company's largest greenfield investment. The new facility will also become Firth Rixson's fourth closed die forging facility. The majority of the more than 200 anticipated jobs will be hired from the local workforce, with hiring for human resources positions beginning immediately.

“Firth Rixson Forgings LLC represents the continuation of Firth Rixson's strategic initiatives and growth plans. Our management and technical development approach consistently results in products that provide satisfaction to our customers and operational results that satisfy our owners,” said David C. Mortimer, CEO of Firth Rixson. “We will leverage the synergy with our current closed die operations in the United Kingdom to offer our products and service to a broadened market. We are extremely pleased to expand our business in the United States.”

- more -

With its new Liberty County location in close proximity to Savannah, Firth Rixson Forgings will have convenient access to the pipeline of talent at Georgia Tech's Savannah campus. As one of the nation's leading engineering schools, Georgia Tech is an active member to aerospace and other industries and has a record of being a key factor to the success of companies in Georgia by providing industry expertise and helping them compete in the global marketplace.

"We are very pleased Firth Rixson has selected our environmentally sensitive and well designed Tradeport East Business Center for its new facility," stated Allen Brown, chairman of the LCDA. "Firth Rixson joins an already robust existing industry base in Liberty County where approximately 70 percent of our current employment is tied to companies headquartered abroad. Companies like Firth Rixson have found Liberty County to be a place where they can grow globally."

The aerospace industry plays a significant role in Georgia's economy and provides more than 80,000 jobs for aircraft manufacturers and aerospace suppliers. Companies in this industry in Georgia can take advantage of the state's well-trained workforce through the nationally recognized Georgia Quick Start workforce training program.

"As a global leader in manufacturing components for the aerospace industry, Firth Rixson will be in good company among other leaders in this industry that successfully do business in Georgia," said Ken Stewart, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. "Georgia is pleased to be a part of Firth Rixson's expanded operations in North America."

### **About Firth Rixson Limited**

Headquartered in Sheffield, UK, Firth Rixson serves customers worldwide in market sectors such as aerospace, defense, power generation, transportation, petrochemical, medical, and general industrial. Firth Rixson owns 11 operating facilities in North America, Europe, and Asia. Firth Rixson Limited ([www.firthrixson.com](http://www.firthrixson.com)) is owned by Oak Hill Capital Partners ([www.oakhillcapital.com](http://www.oakhillcapital.com)).

###