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**Plymouth Supports Re-shoring Manufacturer**

**Plymouth, IN** (June 25, 2019) – Indiana Wheel Company (IWC), formed through a partnership with the largest steel wheel manufacturer in China (Jingu) and two U.S. based businesses, has announced plans to launch operations in Plymouth thanks to the City’s support. IWC will produce and distribute steel wheels for all types of trailers and RVs, creating 117 jobs and investing \$23 million through the expansion.

IWC’s expansion will include an approximately \$8.5 million capital investment in building improvements to a 300,000 sq. ft. production and warehousing facility. The company will also invest \$14.5 million in the purchase and installation of all the manufacturing equipment necessary to fabricate, assemble, and distribute steel wheels.

David Saylor, IWC President, says “We are very excited to move productions to the U.S. The Plymouth location is well-situated for Indiana Wheel Company’s needs, and the community has been incredibly supportive of us. We look forward to calling Plymouth home.”

A public hearing took place on Monday night with the Plymouth Common Council who approved a tax abatement to support the company’s expansion. This real and personal property tax abatement will support IWC locating to Plymouth, helping the company to renovate and equip a currently vacant building to suit their needs. This hearing was the second step in the tax abatement process, the first of which occurred on June 10<sup>th</sup> when the Council designated the new location as an economic revitalization area.

IWC estimates that by the end of 2020, the company will process around 40,000 tons of steel, painting 10 million square feet of surface, welding 4 million linear feet of surface, and producing 2.4 million wheels a year. IWC has an impressive lineage, giving the company an advantage as it launches operations in Plymouth. Parent company Jingu has 33 years in the steel wheel manufacturing industry and supplies wheels for automotive companies such as General Motors, Ford, and Volkswagen.

The new production facility will be located at 2935 VanVactor Drive. The building was previously occupied by Bay Valley which displaced around 150 employees when the company closed operations one year ago. IWC’s expansion represents a new beginning for the facility and the success of the City of Plymouth in bringing a new company and new jobs to the community.

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***About Marshall County Economic Development Corporation***

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