

## Continental Celebrates Opening of Mississippi Employee Training Center

- **Training Center is Continental's first completed structure on the site of the future Truck Tire Plant**
- **New facility will foster job growth and retention for the company**
- **Partnership with Hinds will drive employment and professional development**

Clinton, Miss. November 8, 2018 – Continental, the leading technology company and premier tire manufacturer, hosted the grand opening for the company's new Employee Training Center in Clinton, Mississippi. The ceremony, attended by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant as well as federal, state and local governmental officials, marked a major milestone for the anticipated development. The total investment for the Continental manufacturing site under development in Mississippi is \$1.45 billion.

"This a great day for Continental Tire and the State of Mississippi," Gov. Bryant said. "This training center is state-of-the-art and will facilitate jobs for Mississippians for years to come. Workforce training is vital to a healthy economy and something that has been a priority of mine since taking office. We are thrilled to have Continental Tire as a business partner in Mississippi."

"This is where our growth begins," said Michael Egner, Project Manager. "The Training Center will support the recruitment and professional development that will drive the success of our employees in Clinton. I want to thank all of you who gathered with us today in support of this important project."

The Training Center is equipped with classrooms, computer labs and technical equipment that will be used for job interviews, new employee orientation, and training. Additionally, Continental's partnership with Hinds Community College will drive employment and professional development at the facility.

"Continental Tire is a major employer that will have a positive economic impact on Hinds County and the surrounding communities," said Dr. Muse. "Hinds Community College is excited to serve as Continental's training partner; not only ensuring that we support them in developing a highly skilled workforce, but also to provide on –going training for professional growth and development of their workforce as the plant expands. Every job offered at Continental Tire creates an opportunity

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for someone to improve their quality of life. We will remain committed to supporting their educational and training endeavors for many years to come.”

“Continental’s Commercial Vehicle Tire business throughout the Americas region has been growing significantly over the past years as we have continued to introduce leading products, technology, services, and solutions designed specifically for our trucking and transportation fleet customers,” said Paul Williams, Executive Vice President, Truck Tires at Continental, the Americas region. “This training center is the first step in a long journey of ensuring top quality jobs for our employees in Clinton and with that also setting the foundation to manufacture premium quality products for our customers.”

The Training Center is the first completed structure in Continental’s long-term growth strategy in Mississippi. The Training Center will support recruitment and retention for Continental’s commercial vehicle tire plant. Additionally, the Training Center will be used for the company’s sales team as well as for special events for Continental’s customers. By the time the tire plant officially starts production in 2020, around 400 employees will be hired. Approximately 2,500 jobs will be created by 2028.

For more information on career opportunities with Continental Tire in Clinton, Mississippi, visit [www.continental-jobs.com](http://www.continental-jobs.com).

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**Continental** develops pioneering technologies and services for sustainable and connected mobility of people and their goods. Founded in 1871, the technology company offers safe, efficient, intelligent and affordable solutions for vehicles, machines, traffic and transportation. In 2017, Continental generated sales of €44 billion and currently employs more than 243,000 people in 60 countries.

**The Tire Division** has 24 production and development locations worldwide. As one of the leading tire manufacturers with around 54,000 employees, the division posted sales of €1.3 billion in 2017. Continental ranks among the technology leaders in tire production and offers a broad product range for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and two-wheelers. Through continuous investment in R&D, Continental makes a major contribution to safe, cost-effective and ecologically efficient mobility. The Tire division’s portfolio includes services for the tire trade and for fleet applications, as well as digital management systems for commercial vehicle tires.

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