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Tatsumi Intermodal USA Expands Operations

Gainesville-Hall County, GA – *Thursday, November 10, 2016:* Tatsumi Intermodal USA is expanding its operations with a new 112,000-square foot logistics facility on 35 acres in Gateway Industrial Centre on Hwy 365 in Hall County. Founded in 1920 in Osaka Japan, Tatsumi established in Gainesville-Hall County in 2000 to provide third-party logistics and export logistic services to Kubota Manufacturing of America. This is Tatsumi's fourth and largest expansion since locating in Gainesville-Hall County sixteen years ago. Tatsumi provides export logistics services for products that are made in Georgia and exported through the Port of Savannah to destinations around the world.

The company will remain in its existing 240,000-square foot facility at 2850 White Sulphur Road. The new facility will be approximately two miles from Tatsumi Intermodal's existing logistics center.

"This expansion and new facility will allow us to continue to expand our business in Hall County," said Satoshi Nishino, President of Tatsumi Intermodal USA. "Gainesville-Hall County, Georgia has been a great location for Tatsumi Intermodal USA's logistics business. The connectivity of road, rail, port facilities and our business partners are second to none in the Southeast, but it is the highly skilled and dedicated workforce and the community support that has convinced us this is the right place for our long-term business growth."

Pattillo Construction will construct the new building, and Rochester & Associates has provided the civil engineering and site plan. Efforts to assist Tatsumi with this expansion began in 2015 and included and extensive site search with Tatsumi's representatives at Industrial Properties Group. The Greater Hall

Chamber of Commerce Economic Development team worked closely with Tatsumi and the Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority and was aided by the Georgia Department of Economic Development. In an effort to further relationships with the company, a Chamber Business Delegation met with Tatsumi's top executives in Osaka in July 2016.

"Tatsumi is a global leader in logistics from shipping, port terminal operations and export logistics. The company is a great business our community, and our long-term relationship has benefited Gainesville-Hall County with steady job growth and investment," said Tim Evans, Vice President of Economic Development with the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce. "We continue to build on those relationships each and every day, and Tatsumi's expansion is a tangible reminder of why existing businesses and our existing industry program is so important."

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About Tatsumi Intermodal USA

Tatsumi Shokai was established in 1920 in Osaka, Japan and now operates in Indonesia, Malaysia, China and Singapore. The company's Contract Warehouse in Torrance, California was established in 1996 and now specializes in freight forwarding. Tatsumi Intermodal, USA opened its North Georgia location in Hall County in 2001. Work first began importing and exporting goods for the manufacturing industry. Since then, the company has expanded by 250%. www.tatsumiusa.com

About the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting an aggressive business environment and making a positive contribution to the community by serving as a resource for information, a voice for business and a valuable link to community development. Founded in 1908, the Greater Hall Chamber serves the entire Hall County area, including the cities of Gainesville, Flowery Branch, Oakwood, Clermont, Gillsville, Lula, Braselton and Buford. With more than 2,300 business members, the Chamber offers a full range of business services. www.greaterhallchamber.com

About the Gainesville-Hall County Economic Development Council

The Gainesville-Hall County Economic Development Council is a public-private partnership of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, Hall County and the Cities of Gainesville, Flowery Branch, Lula and Oakwood. The Economic Development Council provides one-stop marketing and economic development services to support the community's efforts in existing industry retention, new business recruitment, small business development and retail development. <u>www.greaterhallchamber.com</u>