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Captive-Aire announces new production plant in Redding

Redding, CA (May 24, 2006) -- Captive-Aire Systems, the nation's largest manufacturer of commercial kitchen ventilation equipment, is pleased to announce a new production plant in Redding, California. At the 46,000 square-foot plant, Captive-Aire will produce a standard product line of commercial kitchen ventilation products, make-up air systems, and spun aluminum power roof ventilators. The Redding plant – designed to serve eight western states -- will open on June 19, with its first full phase of production beginning in August.

“We are very pleased with the excellent reception from the City of Redding, Jim Zauher, and the economic development team,” said Captive-Aire president Robert Luddy. “We look forward to employing many Redding residents who will help Captive-Aire’s continued, robust growth.”

Captive-Aire already maintains a nationwide network of 55 sales and engineering offices and three other strategically located manufacturing plants in North Carolina, Iowa, and Oklahoma. “The new Redding plant will help Captive-Aire provide even faster service to our customers,” explained Luddy. Captive-Aire is well-known for the fastest and most reliable lead times in the commercial kitchen ventilation industry.

John Sabol of Redding will serve as plant manager. Sabol holds a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master’s degree in Management. Sabol is highly experienced in production management.

North Carolina-based Captive-Aire began in a one-room facility in 1976. In 2005, Captive-Aire’s sales reached \$150 million. Captive-Aire is continually voted “Best in Class” by industry dealers and consultants, according to Foodservice Equipment & Supplies magazine.

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