

UNITED CHAIR ADDS 125 MISSISSIPPI JOBS

Holland, Michigan's United Chair will add 125 new jobs at a north Mississippi plant, as part of a consolidation of its North American operations that includes a Michigan facility closure. Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour announced the expansion of United Chair in Bruce at a news conference today in his capitol office. A chair made by the company was on display. United Chair will close a chair factory in southwest Michigan by mid-2009. The closing of the Michigan plant and other measures are meant to trim 350 jobs. The Mississippi Development Authority, the state's economic agency, provided the company \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements at the Mississippi plant and for costs of relocating equipment from Michigan. The company also will receive \$219,000 in federal money from the Appalachian Regional Commission, and about \$115,000 from the city of Bruce and Calhoun County.

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