

Auto Parts Company Opens Ind. Plant, Closes In Ohio

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Officials say an auto parts company plans to reopen a closed factory in northeastern Indiana while it is shutting down an Ohio plant.

The Journal Gazette of Fort Wayne reports that Continental Structural Plastics expects to spend at least \$9.1 million on upgrades to the Huntington factory and perhaps have 350 workers there by 2012.

Huntington County development director Mark Wickersham says the company expects to begin production at the plant in September. Gov. Mitch Daniels was scheduled to join local leaders in an official announcement Wednesday at the factory closed two years ago by Meridian Automotive Systems.

Troy, Mich.-based Continental says in Ohio state filings that it intends to close its North Baltimore factory in October and lay off all 214 workers.

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