

## **Auto-Related Firm Expected To Create 300 Jobs**

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ACWORTH, Ga. (AP) — Gov. Nathan Deal says a firm that makes vehicle roofing systems will open a north Georgia plant that's expected to create 300 jobs.

Deal said Inalfa Roof Systems will open a manufacturing facility in Cherokee County that represents a \$17.1 million investment. The plant will be in the Cherokee 75 Corporate Park off Interstate 75, about 30 miles northwest of Atlanta.

The governor said Inalfa is a leading supplier of sunroofs and open roofing systems for automotive manufacturers such as Hyundai Kia, Ford, General Motors, Volvo, Chrysler Group and BMW Group.

"Inalfa joins the dynamic auto industry Georgia has cultivated for more than 100 years," Deal said in a statement. "Our central location in the Southeast, deep workforce resources and logistics infrastructure have attracted well over 300 companies and continue to give the state a competitive advantage in this manufacturing sector."

The plant will be the fourth one in the United States and the first in the Southeast for Inalfa. The company's global headquarters are in Venray, The Netherlands. It has a workforce of about 3,000 employees worldwide.

Inalfa's North American headquarters is located in Michigan, and it operates a total of four plants in Michigan and Mexico.

Deal said the industrial park along I-75 is in close proximity to automotive manufacturers located throughout the Southeast.

"After a four-year search for a location in the South, we couldn't be more pleased to find our ideal site in Cherokee County," Danny Colaris, vice president of North American Operations for Inalfa Roof Systems, said in the statement released by the governor's office.

"The state and local economic development teams, as well as Georgia Power, have all been extremely helpful in introducing us to this strategic location and the advantages of doing business in Georgia," Colaris said.

The plant is expected to begin operating in January 2014. The new Inalfa facility in Georgia will provide a wide range of job opportunities, including engineering, operations and supply chain, purchasing and manufacturing associates, the governor's office said.

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