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STATE RESPONDS TO LAND OWNER ISSUES

JACKSON, Miss., - In written correspondence from Attorney James E. Ross, Jr. the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority (MMEIA) and the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) today received a rejection of the extended Administrative Offers for the following properties: John Smith, Edward Charles Smith, Andrew Archie, Jr., Lonzo and Matilda Archie, and Percy Bouldin.

The original Administrative Offers had been reinstated by the state several days ago. The landowners had until 5 p.m. today to respond.

Additionally, the state is awaiting a decision from the Mississippi Supreme Court in the Thomas G. Hixon land case whereby 347 acres are needed for a cloverleaf intersection, roadway, detention pond, supplier sites and a university engineering school.

“We’re hoping to move forward in all of these cases and to have resolution from the lower court and the Mississippi Supreme Court. We are continuing to receive numerous inquiries from suppliers interested in locating nearby the Nissan project. We are also anxious to begin work with the universities to complete an engineering school that will be vitally important to the state and to the Nissan project. Time is becoming extremely critical for all of these issues, and we want to make sure that we meet our commitments to Nissan so the plant will be in full production during the summer of 2003,” said J. C. Burns, Executive Director, MMEIA/MDA.

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