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POINTS FOR GENNIE LACY JONES, ALAN PURDIE and
SENATOR JOHN HOHRN

- *Landing the Nissan project was a great accomplishment for Mississippi.
- *In 16 months, we've had over A BILLION in investment. Over 6,000 created and over 26,000 more to come
- *This project is changing economic landscape of the state.
- *We've acquired 1400 none were obtained through eminent domain
- *Only 27 acres remain. These property owners have been offered more money than any other property owner out there.
- *We've negotiated in good faith. We are continuing to negotiate.
- *Eminent domain is up to the courts. It has been used for industrial parks, for development purposes and for the better good of the public for years.

*There is no doubt that this project is for the public good.

*These property owners have been offered almost 2 million dollars for 27 acres. We also offered to move them 100 yards and let them remain on their homestead. They will not lose all of their land, only a portion of it, in one instance. This land has appraised and the appraisal stands true even after the Nissan announcement, of 2,400 an acre. Our last offer was in excess of any other offer we have made to any owner.